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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

722nd REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1997 - 2:00 P.M.

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The Seven Hundred and Twenty Second Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 16, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Vincent Rovetti.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Vincent Rovetti, President
John Moylan, Vice President
Yvette Flunder
Eugene Friend
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Angelo Quaranta

1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson, presented the following report:

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Jim Lazarus has been named as the new Chief Operating Officer for the San Francisco Zoological Society. He replaces Margaret Burks who retired last year. Mr. Lazarus, who started work on December 16, 1996, will oversee Zoo operations, community affairs and work closely with the strategic planning team as the Zoo transitions into the 21st century.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Claudia Reinhart, Recreation Director at the Golden Gate Park Senior Center, and Scott Greenlaw, Recreation Director at Moscone Recreation Center. Esther Kwan, Principal Recreation Supervisor, will make the presentation.

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

Cindy Monroe, our new Personnel Director, reported for work on January 6, 1997. Ms. Monroe has worked in the human resources division of various City departments since 1986. She comes to us from the Department of Public Health.

1. GENERAL MANGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS, STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE

After 37-1/2 years of service with the Recreation and Park Department, Jim Lucey, Assistant Superintendent of Parks for Structural Maintenance, retired effective December 31, 1996. Pending the filling of the position on a permanent basis, responsibilities will be rotated among Maintenance Yard supervisory staff.

RECREATION DIVISION TEMPORARY SALARY REDUCTION

Based upon our review of year-end salary projections, we have determined that an overall reduction of approximately \$1.3 million in temporary salaries is required. This reduction results from the following factors:

- During FY 95-96 when 54 temporary staff were made permanent Recreation Directors, additional temporary staff were hired to replace those staff made permanent.
- The hiring freeze was lifted during FY 95-96 and several staff were hired during that time.
- Temporary staff which were hired initially for only a few hours a week began to be assigned additional hours.

The 54 recreation directors which were made permanent staff during FY 95-96 will be reallocated; therefore, there will be no service impacts resulting from this reduction.

GOLDEN GATE PARK ROAD CLOSURES - 1997

In 1990, the Commission approved the holiday road closures for John F. Kennedy Drive and designated that in the future the closure of this road was to be handled administratively by the Department. Therefore, the following is the schedule for 1997 holidays:

Monday, January 20, 1997	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Monday, February 17, 1997	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 26, 1997	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4, 1997	Independence Day
Monday, September 1, 1997	Labor Day
Monday, October 13, 1997	Columbus Day
Thursday, November 27, 1997	Thanksgiving Day

DOLORES PARK MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD

Following recent heavy rains, it has become evident that the re-graded and sodded field at Dolores Park does not drain very well; approximately 25% of the field remains quite soggy for numerous days after a rain. Although a modest draining system was put in prior to the sodding, the heavy soil retains much water that travels down-hill onto the field. Additional sand channels and drain pipes were installed in the east end of the field. The Department has requested estimates to further improve the drainage with additional sand channels and drain pipes to catch water as it travels down and route it to the north. Presently, the wet areas at the east end must be closed to play following heavy rains, while the center and east end can be utilized for field sports.



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1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CAMP MATHER STORM DAMAGE

The recent series of storms which have battered the Pacific Northwest and caused major flooding have also caused damage to Camp Mather.

A preliminary damage report from Caretaker Paul Spring lists at least six cabins with roof and other structural damage, half of the structures have severed electrical service, 100 feet of fence have been destroyed and there is possible damage to the tennis court. Additional damage includes flooded and muddy floors in the dining hall, bath house A and the caretaker's cabin.

Mr. Spring is continuing to survey the damage and will report any additional damage to the Superintendent of Parks.

ZOO NEWS

The 21st Annual Zoo Run will be held on January 19. The 7-mile run starts at 8:00 a.m.; the 3-mile run starts at 9:00 a.m.

The Zoo's 7th Annual Sex Tour will be held on February 14, 15, 16, 22 and 23. The tour goes out two times a day at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This popular tour is for adults only, and as soon as it is advertised it is promptly sold out.

SOUTH OF MARKET PARK ACQUISITION

For several years, the Recreation and Park Commission has approved the banking of funds through the Open Space Program for the purchase and development of land in the South of Market area for the purpose of establishing a large, outdoor park. In discussions with the School District (SFUSD), it became apparent that a much larger park could be realized and both the City and SFUSD would mutually benefit by a series of land transactions. As indicated in the 1996-97 General Manager's Report on the Park and Open Space Program, the McCormick Parcel (7th and Harrison Streets) would be acquired for the purpose of acquiring the Bessie Carmichael site. It would then be exchanged for the Bessie Carmichael School site for the development of a park.

In mid-September 1996, a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SFUSD and the City was signed by the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools. The MOU established the basic terms of a partnership between the City and SFUSD to pursue land transactions that would mutually benefit both parties.

In addition, the Board of Supervisors recently passed legislation (which was signed by the Mayor) enabling the City to exercise an option to acquire the McCormick Parcel at 7th and Harrison Streets. The City has taken steps to purchase this parcel.

The approximate fair market value of the Bessie Carmichael School site is \$5,950,000. The approximate fair market value of the McCormick Parcel is \$5,150,000, less a credit of \$305,000 for environmental cleanup, leaving a net fair market value of \$4,845,000. Therefore, the approximate fair market value of the Bessie Carmichael School site is \$1,105,000 greater than the McCormick Parcel.

1. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

The property titles of the two parcels will be exchanged so that SFUSD becomes the owner of the McCormick Parcel at 7th and Harrison Streets and the City becomes the owner of the Bessie Carmichael School site. SFUSD will continue to occupy the Bessie Carmichael School for 3 years after the land swap takes place pending the construction of the new school on the McCormick site. The Recreation and Park Department will forego approximately \$300,000 in lease revenue from the Bessie Carmichael site and pay SFUSD \$800,000 to compensate for the difference in the approximate fair market value between the two parcels.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, January 17, 1997	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Lunch; 12:00 noon; County Fair Building
Monday, January 20, 1997	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
Tuesday, January 28, 1997	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, February 5, 1997	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour); 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo
Thursday, February 6, 1997	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, February 17, 1997	Presidents' Day Holiday

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Friend, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RES. NO 9716-212

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following minutes:
Regular Meeting November 21, 1996 Commission Meeting.

**B. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS**

RES. NO 9716-213

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

DONATION FROM

Wildlife World Zoo
16501 West Northern Avenue
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

one male & one female
Broad Snouted Caiman
Donation USDA 86-C-022

Adair Zapka
3708 Jefferson Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94062

one female Barrows Goldeneye
one male & one female
Cinnamon Teal

Randall Museum
Museum Way
San Francisco, CA

two unknown sex scorpions

Victor Alas
300 Bradford St.
Redwood City, CA 94063

one unknown sex black widow

Philadelphia Zoo
3400 West Girard Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104

one male Hamlyn guenon
USDA 23-C-004

Denver Zoo
2900 23rd Avenue
Denver, CO 80205

24 unknown sex Pareuroplus E. keineri
USDA 84-C-002

DONATION TO

Woodland Park Zoo
5500 Phinney Avenue
Seattle, WA 98103

Colonies Water bugs, assassin
bugs, katydids, walking sticks,
darkling beetles, black widows
USDA 91-C-001

C. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

RES. NO 9716-214

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves payment in the amount of \$16,500 to Alan Tian Yu Lin, a minor, for an injury at Rossi Pool.

**D. NAMING OF FACILITIES
JACKSON PLAYGROUND**

RES. NO 9716-215

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of naming the clubhouse at Jackson Playground in honor of Louis G. Spadia.

**E. PORTSMOUTH SQUARE GARAGE
PORTSMOUTH SQUARE PARKING CORPORATION
LEASE AMENDMENT**

RES. NO 9716-216

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the corrected Second Amendment to the lease with the Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation.

**F. BERNAL RECREATION CENTER AND PLAYGROUND
MISSION PLAYGROUND
AWARD OF CONTRACT**

RES. NO 9716-217

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Marinship Construction Services for the renovation of children's play areas at Bernal Recreation Center and Mission Playground.

**G. ADAM ROGERS PARK
AWARD OF CONTRACT**

RES. NO 9716-218

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the reallocation of unexpended Open Space Program funds in Project 2SCRP077/01 (FY 95-96 Program Management Account) for the amount of \$123,000 and the Award of Contract.

**H. PAGE-LAGUNA MINI PARK
RENOVATION**

RES. NO 9716-219

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of site renovation at Page-Laguna Mini Park.

GENERAL CALENDAR

**3. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1997, in accordance with Resolution No.11334.

Commissioner Rovetti opened the nominations for president for the year 1997. He explained that because of his health he would not seek the presidency again and made the following statement:

Commissioner Rovetti: " At this time I want to thank all of my colleagues and all of the supporters and also have to say a couple of words that it wasn't pleasant but it has to be taken care of. Certain things were said about Angelo Quaranta, and these things hurt Quaranta very much. Even though I never said such things that certain people said. I feel very sorry for what Ang has to go through and for that I am sorry Ang. But never once have I ever said anything to really hurt you in any way and for that I apologize."

Commissioner Quaranta: "I accept it."

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, Commissioner Friend was unanimously elected President.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Friend, Commissioner Flunder was unanimously elected President.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

4. **3COM PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
RENT CREDIT APPROVAL

Approval of rent credit in the amount of \$169,545 with the San Francisco Forty Niners for installation of backup electrical power system for the water pumping station.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, presented the item to the Commission. He stated that in September the Forty Niners requested that the Department install backup electrical power to the water pumping station at 3COM Park. As detailed in a letter from Mr. Fowell, Forty Niners Director of Stadium Operations, the lack of backup electrical power for the water pumping station caused significant inconvenience during the August 10, 1996 game. During this game Northern California suffered a major power outage, which resulted in a loss of power to the stadium and loss of water throughout the stadium. The sprinkler systems were inoperable and toilets would not flush which resulted in overflow and sewage backups.

The installation of this backup electrical power station was originally part of a larger renovation package at the stadium. However, due to budgetary consideration at that time, the work was not done. Three bids were obtained by Michael Gay, Chief Stationary Engineer, based upon specifications prepared by the Department of Public Works. The lowest bid was from A.S.F. Electric, Inc. for \$169,545.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO 9716-220

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the rent credit in the amount of \$169,545 with the San Francisco Forty Niners for installation of backup electrical power system for the water pumping station.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

5. **3COM PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
RENT CREDIT APPROVAL

Approval of rent credit in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 with the San Francisco Forty Niners for renovation of luxury suites at 3COM Park.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, presented the item to the Commission. He stated that the Forty Niners have requested that the luxury suites at 3COM Park be renovated. Suite renovations are scheduled for a five-year cycle; the last major renovation was in 1991. The Department of Public Works conducted an assessment of the necessary repairs for each suite.

5. 3COM PARK (Continued)

SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS

RENT CREDIT APPROVAL

Commissioner Friend inquired as to the terms of the lease.

Mr. Prindle responded that there are no specific terms as to when the suites would be renovated and that it is the Department's obligation to perform the improvements.

Commissioner Rovetti inquired as to who makes the selection of the contractor.

Mr. Prindle responded that this will be done through a competitive bid process.

Commissioner Flunder inquired as to the amount of funds spent five years ago.

Mr. Prindle responded that approximately \$1 million was spent five years ago.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO 9716-221

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the rent credit in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 with the San Francisco Forty Niners for renovation of luxury suites at 3COM Park.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

6. 3COM PARK - STADIUM MANAGER

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Ratification of request for supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$37,280 for a Stadium Manager for 3COM Park.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, presented the item to the Commission. He stated that at the Mayor's direction the Department has submitted a supplemental appropriation for \$37,280 to allow the Department to hire a Stadium Manager.

This position would be responsible for implementing marketing programs for 3COM Park and for directing all capital improvements at the stadium. In addition, this position would act as the primary liaison between stadium tenants, City departments and State agencies to facilitate and respond to tenant concerns.

6. **3COM PARK - STADIUM MANAGER** (Continued)
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Commissioner Flunder inquired about the stadium naming rights budget.

Mr. Prindle responded that it is \$5 million over a five-year period for the naming of 3COM Park. That money was designated to be used for new stadium development.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Flunder, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO 9716-223

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the ratification of request for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$37,280 for a Stadium Manager for 3COM Park.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **PRECITA PARK REHABILITATION**
PHASE II
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of the award of contract for the renovation of the west end of Precita Park and a new pedestrian path.

Joanne Wilson, Park Planner, presented the item to the Commission. She stated that the Commission approved the conceptual plans to renovate the west end of Precita Park and a new pedestrian path in July of 1994. The Department has received the bids for the construction of these improvements. The Human Rights Commission and the Department of Public Works have confirmed that Vargas & Esquivel Inc. is the low bidder.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Friend, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO 9716-224

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Vargas & Esquivel in the amount of \$125,310 for the renovation of the west end of Precita Park and a new pedestrian path.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**

"HONG KONG.....REMEMBERED WEEKEND" FESTIVAL

Discussion and possible action to approve a two-day event at Civic Center Plaza on Saturday, April 26, 1997, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for "Hong Kong...Remembered Weekend" Festival.

Tim Lillyquist, Administrator for Permits/Reservations, presented this item to the Commission. He stated this is a first-time request for a two-day event.

This two-day street fair/festival is to mark the end of an era and celebrate the making of history. Approximately 10,000 people are expected.

Commissioner Moylan inquired about the performance bond.

Mr. Lillyquist responded that this is the standard performance bond for an event of this type.

Commissioner Flunder inquired as to what type of group could be expected.

Mr. Lillyquist responded that the sponsor indicates this a positive group. However, the group is taking security measures.

Commissioner Moylan inquired about the sale of liquor and if we will have prior knowledge of this information.

Mr. Lillyquist responded that ABC permit has been requested for the day. The Department is unaware if alcohol will be served.

Commissioner Friend stated that since there are an anticipated 10,000 people each day, liquor could cause a lot of activity that would be detrimental to the City and would like to approve the event on the condition that no alcohol be served.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Friend, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO 9716-225

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the two-day event at Civic Center Plaza on Saturday, April 26, 1997, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for "Hong Kong...Remembered Weekend" Festival with the condition that no alcohol be served.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

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The Seven Hundred and Twenty Third Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 20, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Angelo Quaranta

Absent:

Vincent Rovetti

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Jacqueline Barsh and Isaac Wang, Senior Administrative Analysts. Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager, will make the presentation.

In January, our employees of the month, Claudia Reinhart, Recreation Director at the Golden Gate Park Senior Center, and Scott Greenlaw, Recreation Director at Moscone Recreation Center, were not able to be present to accept their certificates. They are with us today, and Esther Kwan, Principal Recreation Supervisor, will make the presentation.

DON FOGARTY

After 20 years of service with the Recreation and Park Department, Don Fogarty of the Structural Maintenance Division retired on January 24, 1997. For the past 13 years, Don has done an outstanding job of handling the complexities of ordering and picking up supplies, performing accounting functions, and arranging for repair and replacement of Yard materials, supplies and equipment. He will be sorely missed, and we wish him well in his retirement.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS** (Continued)

PUBLIC MEETING ON BUDGET

Staff conducted a public meeting on February 13 at the Randall Museum to discuss the Department's 1997-98 budget. About 25 members of the public were in attendance, and they expressed appreciation for the opportunity to see the budget prior to its presentation to the Commission. They recommended expansion on a number of items, especially in the area of recreation programs, and, as a result, another initiative has been added to the budget request.

PARENT ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH REPORT CARD

At your places is a copy of a report card produced by Parent Advocates for Youth that evaluates the quality of youth programs at 21 of our recreation centers and playgrounds. The report summarizes their observations, conclusions and recommendations.

GOLDEN GATE PARK LOG CLEANUP

As of February 1, 1997, approximately 70% of the log grinding remained. Since inception of the operation--by mutual consent and at no additional cost--the Department has continued to add new logs and stumps to the existing material. Staff, nonetheless, has reminded the contractor of the Department's desire to accelerate the job completion. In response, the contractor has since added another grinder and loader and projects that the cleanup will be accomplished early in March, 1997.

9910 / WORKFARE PROGRAM

The Recreation and Park Department's 9910/Workfare Program is in its second phase. Twenty new 9910 Public Service Trainees will continue to work on storm damage and deferred maintenance projects under the supervision of five gardener assistant supervisors. In phase one, all 9910's were selected directly from General Assistance rolls; in phase two, six will be selected from Walden House. The Department will continue to provide lunch and MUNI fast passes to 9910 workers.

ZOO NEWS

Bond: On February 3, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to place the Zoo's \$48 million general obligation bond on the ballot for the June 1997 special election. In addition to funds raised by the Zoological Society's capital campaign, the bond money will be used to rebuild the San Francisco Zoo as a premier wildlife conservation and education institution.

Black Rhino: Elly and Gene are the proud parents of a baby boy weighing 83 pounds. This is Elly's 11th offspring; she had 9 with the previous male, Stonewall, and 2 with Gene. Baby is beautiful and healthy.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS (Continued)

ZOO NEWS

Asian Rhino: We have a new male Asian rhino in for temporary exhibit while our female is at another zoo for breeding. This male may become a potential mate for our female when she returns and has her calf.

Asian Elephant: Yes, we really do have an elephant coming. Her name is Calle and she comes from the Los Angeles Zoo. She is about the same age as our Asian elephant, Tinkerbelle, and hopefully they will be good companions for each other.

JOB FAIR

The Recreation and Park Department participated in the City and County of San Francisco's day-long job fair at Moscone Center on January 25. The Recreation Division handed out approximately 10,000 job applications for summer employment. In addition, approximately 8,000 job announcements for the upcoming Gardener examination were distributed.

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WETLAND MITIGATION PROPOSALS

I am pleased to report that the San Francisco International Airport's proposal to perform wetland mitigation on two Recreation and Park Department sites was approved by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Regional Water Quality Control Board yesterday. As part of the mitigation requirements for the expansion of the San Francisco International Airport, wetlands will be created or restored at an unimproved portion of India Basin Open Space, and a multi-use recreation path will be constructed as part of the Bay Trail. In addition, Mountain Lake will receive \$500,000 for a comprehensive study and partial restoration. Mountain Lake is partly under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department and partly under the jurisdiction of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The Recreation and Park Department will work jointly with GGNRA, the Airport and the community on the restoration of Mountain Lake.

HYPODERMIC NEEDLES

In the past few months, gardeners have noticed a dramatic increase in the number of needles they are picking up in campsites and other areas in the east end of Golden Gate Park, including the Panhandle Playground, Children's Playground, Big Rec, Music Concourse and McLaren Lodge/Annex. We believe this is attributed to the heavy drug sales occurring daily in the Alvord Lake area. This creates a safety problem for gardeners and the public in terms of the potential for puncture wounds from the needles. In addition, we have noticed an increase in auto burglaries. The Police Department has been advised of the situation.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS** (Continued)

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

There have been several incidents where assaults have occurred in gyms throughout the City in connection with the Youth Basketball League. As a result, the Recreation Division is planning significant changes to athletic events policies. Revisions will be presented to the Commission in March. We believe the changes, along with more communication with the Police Department, will reduce the possibility of such incidents in the future.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 26, 1997

Pacific Rim Luncheon; 12:00 noon; County Fair Building

Tuesday, March 4, 1997

Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Joint Zoo Committee; 3:30 p.m. (tour);
4:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo

Thursday, March 6, 1997

Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RES. NO. 9702-001

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following minutes with the amendment to include in the January 16, 1997 minutes the conversation between Commissioner Rovetti and Commissioner Quaranta.

Approval of Minutes for December 19, 1996 Special Commission Meeting

Approval of Minutes for January 16, 1997 Commission Meeting

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (Continued)

B. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9702-002**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Donation From

Steinhart Aquarium
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA

One male and two female silver arawana,
one unknown sex chocolate marbled catfish,
one unknown sex armored catfish, two unknown
sex pacu, twelve unknown sex rainbow trout

Martin Goldberg
1360 Pear Drive
Concord, CA 94518

One unknown sex red-bellied pacu

Trade

Smithsonian Institute
Insect Zoo Mus. Of Nat. History
10th and Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20560

Australian Walking Sticks for Lubber grasshoppers

Purchase From

Vivarium
1827 5th St.
Berkeley, CA

Four unknown sex-dart poison frogs
\$360 Group

Tulsa Zoo
5701 E. 36th St.
Tulsa, OK 74115-2110

Female snowy owl
\$250
USDA 73-C-003

Glenn Mitchell
1394 Warner Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Two male and two female
peach-faced lovebirds
\$100/group

Penguin International
P.O. Box 12345
Miami, FL 33101

1.1 Green honeycreepers
\$350

Sale To

Milwaukee County Zoo
10001 West Bluemound Rd
Milwaukee, WI 53226

One female violaceous euphonia
\$125
USDA 35-C-020

The Turkey Creek Co.
Rt 18, Box 314Y2
Texarkana, AR 71854

Two male and two female water
buffalo
\$1,000/group

The Consent calendar was passed unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. CORONA HEIGHTS/STATES STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN RELOCATION

Discussion and possible action to approve a revised location of the community garden within the States Street Playground, part of the Corona Heights Park.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, presented this item to the Commission. She stated that within a previous action, the Recreation and Park Commission approved locating a community garden within the States Street Park. After further discussions with the community, it was agreed that a new location should be determined. In subsequent meetings, several locations were discussed, including adjacent to the Randall Field near Roosevelt and Museum Way, around the Museum, and within the small area of the field area in States Street Park.

The site is to be located within the States Street Park immediately east of the basketball court along the south fence line. It is 23 feet wide by 110 feet long, it is a very small area relative to the size of the park. The area is used predominantly for off-leash dog walking although the field is not a designated dog walking area.

Some areas of concern expressed in the community were related to limiting space for dog walking, parking demand, use of the area by gardeners, availability of alternative sites, view obstruction, cost of and maintaining a perimeter path. These concerns were addressed as follows: 1) dogs are permitted in this area on leash only; 2) most participants live within a few blocks of the site and they come at different times so parking should not be a problem; 3) low chain linked fence will be placed around the garden to keep dogs out but not obstruct the view; 4) a pathway will be made in front of the garden fence so dog walkers will still be able to walk easily around the area. The Department had a soil hydrologist survey the area to make sure this is a stable site; he has confirmed that the soil in this area would not be a problem.

There was a concern about the type of person using the garden. It has been the Department's experience in working with community gardens throughout the City that it brings a positive atmosphere to the neighborhood.

Ms. Learner stated that she had received phone calls from individuals indicating they had not been notified of the meeting. She also stated that the Department has tried to contact as many people as possible, which includes a mailing list of approximately 400 hundred people. The announcement for the subcommittee meeting states that any items approved at committee level will be forwarded to the next full Commission meeting.

4. **CORONA HEIGHTS/STATES STREET** (Continued)
COMMUNITY GARDEN RELOCATION

Fred Bove, a resident in the area, stated he was in favor of the community garden.

Felicia Mancini spoke in favor of this item. Her children attend Rocky Mountain Nursery School. As an apartment dweller, the garden would provide an area for her children to learn about gardening.

Sue Anne Mason spoke in favor of this item.

Brian Lease, San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners, stated he had reviewed the list of participants and they are all in the area. He stated he was in favor of the garden.

Utley Moody, a homeowner, expressed various concerns about the garden. He would like to see a report stating that the hill is in stable condition.

David Sexton stated he met with the soil hydrologist and was assured that the soil in this area was not a problem. He spoke in favor of the garden.

Jay Sheldrake, a resident in the area, spoke in favor of the garden.

Effie Kurilott, stated she has been involved with many community gardens and it has always been a rewarding experience. She spoke in favor of the garden.

Reverend Ruth Frost, pastor of the neighborhood church and a parent of a child attending Rocky Mountain Nursery School, stated she would offer any support needed. She spoke in favor of the garden.

Richard Claymore stated his daughter attends Rocky Mountain Preschool, he feels the garden would provide a learning experience. He spoke in favor of the garden.

Bob Burnside, Castro Star Community Newspaper, spoke in favor of the garden.

Richard Staubitz, a homeowner in the area, expressed various concerns about the garden.

Olive Bavins, Flint Homestead Association, stated her concerns about the garden and felt that an evening meeting should be held so that more residents could attend.

Carol Alsman, a homeowner, stated that she is not in opposition to the garden, but felt perhaps it should be located elsewhere. The area is already very muddy, this would only make it worse.

Lillian Hill, a homeowner, stated she is concerned about parking, the location and possible sliding. She did not receive any notification.

4. **CORONA HEIGHTS/STATES STREET
COMMUNITY GARDEN RELOCATION**

(Continued)

Jan Farver, a homeowner, expressed concerns about the garden and felt it should be located elsewhere. He felt the park planner should not be an advocate of the garden, instead park staff should remain neutral. He asked if there had been an environmental impact report. He also requested another evening meeting be held so that residents can attend.

Commissioner Friend inquired as to how many community gardens there are in the City and what the overall reaction to the gardens has been.

Brian Lease, San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners, stated that there are 40 gardens throughout the City and all have been well received for their contribution to the community.

Nina Bergan, a resident, inquired as to a recourse if it this does not work out. She asked if they could return to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Friend responded that it can be reviewed again.

Commissioner Flunder stated we can do an assessment in six months.

Commissioner Quaranta stated we can review this in six months or one year, to determine how things are working out.

Commissioner Friend stated that a review can be a condition of this approval .

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9702-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Department's request for approval of a revised location of the community garden within the States Street Playground, part of the Corona Heights Park with the condition that in one year the Department will reassess the garden and come before the Commission for an extension at that time.

This item was passed unanimously.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
INCREASE IN FEES**

Discussion and possible action to approve an increase in rates for boarding and fees for boarder services at the Golden Gate Park Stables.

NOTE: This item was taken off calendar.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Acceptance of the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statement for year ending June 30, 1996.

NOTE: This item was taken off calendar.

7. **3COM STADIUM**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Discussion and possible action to approve an Award of Contract in the amount of \$442,900 to LTM Construction for access-related renovations at 3COM Stadium.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, presented this item to the Commission. This ratification is an Award of Contract to LTM Construction, for disability access-related renovations at 3COM Stadium. The plans for this work were presented to and approved by the Commission on February 15, 1996.

It will be possible to do much of this work during the baseball season, some has to be completed prior to the Giants Opening Day in April. In addition, the work on the movable stands requires them to be in a rolled-out position for a period of time. Because of this, it is likely that work will not start on this section until the end of the Giants season and will extend into the Forty-Niners season.

There was some confusion after the Finance Committee on January 6 on the Award of Contract. There were some technical issues involved, it was thought that the Department would have to award it to another bidder at that time. The Department of Public Works assures us that these issues have been resolved and LTM is the firm which will receive the award.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9702-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Award of Contract in the amount of \$442,900 to LTM Construction for access-related renovations at 3COM Stadium.

This item was passed unanimously.

8. **MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK**
SHORELINE RESTORATION AND
PALEGA, JR., (PORTOLA) PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

Discussion and possible action to approve reallocation of unexpended Open Space Program funds in Projects 2SCRPU21 (Open Space Unallocated) for the amount of \$23,133 and 2SCRPO34 (Various-Mini Parks Rehabilitation) for the amount of \$2,867 and the award of contract.

NOTE: This item was taken off calendar.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK
CARROUSEL ORGAN**

Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to Friends of Recreation and Parks contract with Alan S. Erb for repair of the carousel organ, increasing the contract amount from \$15,500 to \$33,500.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the additional funds would cover the cost of converting the organ from 'book' music to 'roll' music. The original intent was to repair the organ so that it could continue to play 'book' music. However, the books are very fragile, expensive to replace, and there is a 6-12 month wait when they are ordered.

The additional funds spent on conversion of the organ are less than the amount that would have been spent on music books if the organ was not converted.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9702-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the amendment to Friends of Recreation and Parks contract with Alan S. Erb for repair of the carousel organ, increasing the contract amount from \$15,500 to \$33,500.

This item was passed unanimously.

10. **SOUTH OF MARKET PARK ACQUISITION
BESSIE CARMICHAEL SCHOOL/7th AND HARRISON STREET SITE
PROPOSED PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

Presentation on South of Market Park Acquisition – Report on the Proposed Property Exchange (Bessie Carmichael School, 7th and Harrison Street Property) and Lease Agreement.

Joanne Wilson, Park Planner, presented an informational overview of this item to the Commission. She stated that the Recreation and Park Commission has approved the banking of funds through the Open Space Program for the purchase and development of land in the South of Market Area for the purpose of establishing a large, outdoor park. In the 1996-97 General Manager's Report on Park and Open Space Program, the McCormick Parcel (7th and Harrison Streets) would be acquired for the sole purpose of acquiring the Bessie Carmichael site. It would then be exchanged for the Bessie Carmichael School site for the development of a park.

In mid-September, 1996, a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the School District (SFUSD) and the City was signed by the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools. The MOU established the basic terms of a partnership between the City and SFUSD to pursue land transactions that would mutually benefit both parties.

The estimated fair market value of the Bessie Carmichael School site is \$5,950,000. The estimated fair market value of the McCormick parcel is \$5,150,000, less a credit of \$305,000 for environmental cleanup, leaving a net fair market value of \$4,845,000.

A Phase I Toxic Study was performed for both sites. This study shows that the Bessie - Carmichael site does not have a high likelihood of encountering toxics once the construction begins. The McCormick site does have a fairly high toxic rating: the estimated value of that clean up is \$305,000.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquired if the Department was comfortable with the agreement.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, responded that the Department is comfortable with the agreement.

NOTE: This item was for presentation only.

11. **GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS**

Discussion and possible action of a back-up 2,592 square foot nursery structure in the Conservatory compound area.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the item was specifically about reviewing the structure that may be placed within the Conservatory compound. This construction project will not go forward until the Master Plan for Golden Gate Park is approved, which will be in the next few months.

The need for a support nursery structure will become even more acute once the plans for the Conservatory restoration are implemented. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan includes the provision of a support greenhouse structure not to exceed 3,000 square feet.

In order to be implemented, the proposed structure must be reviewed by the Landmarks Board as the entire Conservatory Valley is included in the official landmark designation. The cost of the greenhouse is expected to be approximately \$100,000. The San Francisco Garden Club has potential donors who may provide funds for this project.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9702-006

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the back-up 2,592 square foot nursery structure in the Conservatory compound area.

This item was passed unanimously.

12. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES REORGANIZATION PLAN**

Discussion and possible action to approve the "Neighborhood Services Reorganization" Plan for inclusion in the FY 1997-98 Budget.

Commissioner Flunder requested that Items 12, 14 and 15 be combined into one presentation, items will be voted on separately.

ITEMS 12, 14 AND 15

**RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES REORGANIZATION PLAN**

**RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
REVENUE REPORTS**

**RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
REORGANIZATION PLAN AND BUDGET**

Jacqueline Barsh, Senior Administrative Analyst, Finance, presented this item to the Commission. She stated that under the current organizational structure only the General Manager can make decisions that cover both recreation and parks. As a result community concerns may not be met in a timely manner and facility maintenance may not be prioritized or completed. The Department is proposing to combine Neighborhood Parks, Recreation, and Structural Maintenance into a single Neighborhood Services Division. The Children's Baseline will remain as a separate program. The Department is also proposing to combine the Urban Forestry Program into the Golden Gate Park Program.

Under the new structure, the Department will improve the accountability for facility manager positions. Facility managers will have management responsibility over recreation, facility and park maintenance activities in their district. This consolidation will improve the Department's effectiveness by expanding the role of the supervisors, improving accountability for the completion of facility maintenance projects and encouraging community involvement in the selection of specific improvements, priorities and programs.

This request does not increase the current budget and, therefore, will be included in the Department's cost-to-continue budget.

Commissioner Flunder asked how the budget collapses into this program.

Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager, explained the budgetary process and stated that the reason the Neighborhood Services Program was presented first was because it is the framework from which the Department put its budget together. He then presented a detailed overview of the revenue summary for FY 1996-97, the Neighborhood Services Program and the Department Reorganization/Budget to the Commission.

Commissioner Flunder commented that her understanding of the Neighborhood Services Program is that currently there are two distinct areas, parks and recreation. The Department has come up with a way to get these two divisions to work together and get the supervisors responsible for both park issues and recreational issues simultaneously and to eliminate the divisiveness that can come from having two distinctive divisions within this Department.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, added that the primary focus behind the Neighborhood Services Program is accountability and efficiency. In order to get more accountability, public input and public process, a system is needed for both district and regional directors to take responsibility for their areas. This is not a cost cutting or position reducing reorganization. It puts maintenance, recreation and park supervisors in a working situation, working together for the first time and allows the public a one stop complaint/compliment process.

The Department is removing 90% of supervisory personnel from McLaren Lodge. Supervisors will now be in the field and the only staff to remain at McLaren Lodge will be administrative personnel.

Commissioner Flunder inquired if the reorganization plan includes taking the Commission meetings out to other facilities to provide more accessibility to the public.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, indicated the Commission will discuss the best way to implement making Commission meetings more accessible to the public.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquired about the Urban Forestry Program move into Golden Gate Park.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, stated that the Department has every intention of making sure Urban Forestry is equally budgeted throughout the City. It is in the budget and will remain in the budget as part of Golden Gate Park. It will be even more active in the neighborhood parks.

Bobby Winston, President of See It Corporation, presented to the Commission the plan for a new computer system on the World Wide Web in which the public can look at schedules, contact employees, look up programs, etc. There will be a comprehensive directory of every park and recreation program that the City has. This information will also be available in other ways such as printed handouts and telephone access. This will also provide training for at-risk youth.

Jose Rojas, Coleman Advocates expressed his concerns and thoughts on the reorganization plan and budget.

Ernie Prindle presented information on the New Initiatives which totaled \$10,866,268. He stated that the number of these initiatives are mainly recreational oriented. These initiatives are in addition to the cost-to-continue budget.

Marybeth Wallace, Parent Advocates for Youth, inquired about the \$891,000 for staff training initiatives.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, responded that a new initiative in the amount of \$100,000 is for the staff training.

Commissioner Flunder responded that this includes 20 new recreation positions.

Jacqueline Barsh, Senior Administrative Analyst, Finance, stated that within this initiative, \$100,000 is dedicated to recreation staff training, it also includes funding for materials, supplies, and the additional recreation directors. A special program through the Randall Museum covering environmental education is also included within this initiative.

Barbara Wenger commended the Department on its reorganization plan but wants to see more public input. She suggested having a summit on the Recreation and Park Department.

Jane Hart, Neighborhood Parks Council, spoke on various aspects of the reorganization, better access, volunteers and the budget.

12. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES REORGANIZATION PLAN**

Discussion and possible action to approve the "Neighborhood Services Reorganization Plan" for inclusion in the FY 1997-98 Budget.

On the motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9702-007

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the "Neighborhood Services Reorganization Plan" for inclusion in the FY 1997-98 Budget.

This item was passed unanimously.

13. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION-
COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE**

Discussion and possible action to approve Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$443,400 for the purchase of computer hardware and software.

NOTE: *This item was taken off calendar.*

14. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
REVENUE REPORTS**

Acceptance of current fiscal year revenue reports.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO 9702-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the current fiscal year revenue reports.

This item was passed unanimously.

15. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
REORGANIZATION PLAN AND BUDGET**

Discussion and possible action to approve the Recreation and Park Department Reorganization Plan and Budget.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9702-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed FY 1997-98 budget for 1) cost-to-continue; 2) new initiatives and the Parents Advocates' proposal; 3) an adjustment to the capital budget in the amount of \$500,000 for Margaret Hayward Playground as approved on January 16, 1997; and 4) authorization for staff to make technical budget adjustments.

16. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

17. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Suzanne Barthell, Executive Director of Zoo Councils, expressed concerns about the Zoo Bond Proposal and audit.

Peter Desmond stated his concerns about the Golden Gate Park Stables.

John Laskin stated his concerns about McLaren Lodge becoming a visitors center.

Emeric Kalman expressed his concern about the Zoo Financial Audit and questioned why it is several months late. He also expressed his concerns about the Zoo Bond.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, stated that the item concerning the Zoo was removed from today's calendar for further review.

18. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Friend, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Herb Caen, Dr. Carlton Goodlett and Elda Scott; and with best wishes for a speedy recovery for Commissioner Vincent Rovetti; and congratulations to Commissioner Quaranta on the birth of his granddaughter.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, the meeting was adjourned.

There being no further business, the 723rd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary



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724th REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 20, 1997 - 2:00 p.m.

The Seven Hundred and Twenty Fourth Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 20, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
William Getty
Rotea Gilford
Vincent Rovetti
Jim Salinas

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, the Department is proud to recognize Jon Huttinger, recently retired Area Supervisor for Golden Gate Park. Jim Cooney, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentation.

CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY INSTITUTE

Staff from the Recreation and Park Department conducted an institute, "Leisure Time Programming for the Hip Hop Generation," at the California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference in Sacramento last week. The panel presented strategies for implementing meaningful recreation programs for pre-teens, teens and young adults. The audience consisted of recreation professionals from the Pacific Northwest region of the country including California, Washington, Arizona and Utah.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS** *(Continued)*

CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY AWARD

The Recreation and Park Department and the Recreation Leisure Studies Department at San Francisco State University were the recipients of a program award from the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) for the five-year master plan for recreation programs and services for children and youth with disabilities. The master plan also earned an award of excellence, the highest award presented by CPRS.

The master plan, which was funded through a grant from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, represents the first program focused master plan for services to children and youth with disabilities in California. Teams of graduate and undergraduate students conducted a needs assessment of each neighborhood in the City to identify the diversity of assets, resources and constraints these neighborhoods offer to persons with disabilities. The plan, officially adopted by the Department and the Commission, is currently being implemented.

Dr. Ginny Silva Jaquith, Associate Professor, and I accepted the award at the annual CPRS conference held in Sacramento last week.

BUDGET UPDATE

Staff met with the Mayor's Office on March 11 to discuss funding for next year's budget. As discussed with the Commission at its February meeting, the Department is projecting a \$2.3 million increase in resources (increased revenue and reduction in costs). However, given the \$100 million projected deficit facing the City next year, staff has proposed that the Department return \$1 million of these additional resources to the City to help balance the deficit. This proposal further recommended that the Department be allowed to expend the remaining \$1.3 million to fund new initiatives as approved by the Commission in February. At this time the Mayor's staff has indicated that we should prioritize approximately \$1.3 million of new initiatives. The Department is in the process of doing this and will bring this to the Commission for discussion.

9910/WORKFARE PROGRAM

The 9910/Workfare Program has entered phase three. Several changes and additions have been made to the program. Walden House has joined the Work Experience Pilot Project (WEPP) as a provider of six trainees and as an advocate for WEPP participants. The General Assistance Training and Employment (GATE) Program has replaced Glide Memorial as the advocate for the General Assistance/Food Stamp participants of the WEPP Program. For the remainder of phase three, all new 9910's will come from the rolls of GATE. It is now required that all WEPP participants remain active in their respective advocate program, thereby helping to ensure their successful transition to permanent employment in the private sector.

STRYBING ARBORETUM

Strybing Arboretum has successfully completed submission of the New World Cloud Forest Collection as a North American Plant Collections Consortium collection. This consortium is administered by the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta. Its purpose is to assist botanical gardens with the documentation and preservation of significant collections on a national basis.

Strybing Arboretum is also working with botanical gardens in both Indonesia and Malaysia to establish agreements of scientific and technical cooperation. The intent is to establish a collection of plants from the montane tropics of Southeast Asia and serve as a living repository of rare and endangered plant species from these areas.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS** (Continued)

ZOO NEWS

The Zoo suffered the loss of one of its South American caimans. It appears to have been taken by someone who has some knowledge of crocodilian behavior. Zoo officials believe the animal may be in the reptile black market and would welcome any information leading to its return.

The new \$2 million Avian Conservation Center opens its doors to donors and members on March 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be limited scheduled tours of the facility for the public starting in April.

LANDSCAPE GARDEN SHOW

The Friends of Recreation and Parks are presenting the 12th annual San Francisco Landscape Garden Show, April 16-20, at Fort Mason. The Gala Opening Night Party will be on April 15, offering a preview of the show gardens and marketplace. The Landscape Garden Show has been the major fundraiser for the Department, contributing more than \$1.5 million for restoration, reforestation, playgrounds, statue and fountain repairs, funding for recreation programs and vans, and much more. Proceeds from last year's show helped restore the Polo Field, clear the log dump and underwrite the cost of the Beach Chalet Visitor Center. This year, along with supporting innovative recreation programs and the reforestation of the west end of Golden Gate Park, the show will focus on funding the new public garden to be installed behind the Beach Chalet. The Friends of Recreation and Parks invite you to visit this event, which attracts 25,000 visitors annually to educate them about park needs.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

At your places is the first edition of "The Reporter," the employee newsletter of the Recreation and Park Department.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 2, 1997	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 2, 1997	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour); 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo
Thursday, April 3, 1997	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 16 through Sunday, April 20, 1997	Landscape Garden Show; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Friday until 9:00 p.m.); Fort Mason Center

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following resolutions were adopted:

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9703-010**
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following minutes.
For the February 20, 1997 Commission Meeting.

- B. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9703-011**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

TRADE FROM

Miami Metrozoo	One unknown sex South American
12400 SW 152 nd Street	River Turtle
Miami, FL 33177-1499	Trade
	USDA 58-C-006

TRADE TO

Miami Metrozoo	One unknown Sex African Spoonbill
12400 SW 152 nd Street	Trade
Miami, FL 33177-1499	USDA 58-C-006

- C. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9703-012**
RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$61,247.62 for the Recreation and Park Department:

- From Ralph Guggenhime, \$500.00 for J.P. Murphy Playground.
- From Hideko Singh \$500.00 for West Sunset Playground.
- From Sadye Garfinkel \$500.00 for the Golden Gate Park Senior Center.
- From an anonymous donor \$20,000.00 for the teen program.
- From the Japanese American Citizens League \$500.00 for the senior's fund.
- From California Pacific Medical Services \$1,000.00 for the senior's fund.
- From CIGNA HealthCare of California \$1,000.00 for the senior's fund.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS (CONTINUED)

- h. From Ray Monteroso, Poly Athletic Association \$1,000.00 for Kezar Athletic Fund.
- i. From Phyllis Cook, Bill Graham Foundation \$750.00 for Youth Award Program.
- j. From John Somonds, Jr. \$2,000.00 for Gilman Playground.
- k. From Edward Riggins, High Speed Productions \$1,500.00 for Special Needs Fund.
- l. From Jean Parmelee, Walter S. Johnson Foundation \$5,000.00 for the Palace of Fine Arts Repair Fund.
- m. From the D. Margaret Studley Foundation \$2,000.00 for Duboce Park.
- n. From May W. Ho \$1,497.62 for Alta Plaza Park Fountain.
- o. From the Lane Family Charitable Trust \$2,500.00 for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.
- p. From Jaquelin H. Hume \$5,000.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers.
- q. From Adrian Zaccaria, Bechtel Group \$5,000.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers.
- r. From the Julian T. & Grace L. Hightower Foundation \$5,000.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers.
- s. From the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation \$5,000.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers.
- t. From Elza Robertson \$500.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers.
- u. From John Dupen \$500.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers.

**D. GOLDEN GATE PARK - PANHANDLE
INSTALLATION OF CURB RAMPS**

RES. NO. 9703-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the installation of curb ramps along Oak and Fell Streets and a sidewalk along Baker Street for disabled access.

E. NEW CHINATOWN PARK

RES. NO. 9703-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Wor Hay Gung Yuen/Garden of Peace and Joy as the name for the new Chinatown Park.

- F. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9703-015**
ASSISTED RECREATION
OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division overnight backpacking trip for 8-10 teenagers who are blind and visually impaired to Big Basin near Santa Cruz, March 26-27, 1997. This trip will be in collaboration with the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind.
- G. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9703-016**
ASSISTED RECREATION
OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division overnight backpacking trip for 8-10 teenagers who are deaf and hard of hearing to Big Basin near Santa Cruz, April 2-3, 1997.
- H. **3COM PARK** **RES. NO. 9703-017**
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
1997 FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1997 Field Maintenance Agreement between the San Francisco Giants and the Recreation and Park Department.
- I. **JOHN MCLAREN PARK** **RES. NO. 9703-018**
800 MHZ PROJECT
INSTALLATION OF NEW RADIO SYSTEM
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves location for the installation of a new radio system as part of the 800 Mhz Project.
- J. **JOHN MCLAREN PARK** **RES. NO. 9703-019**
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW/MASTER PLAN
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the environmental review and master plan for John McLaren Park.
- K. **MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK SHORELINE RESTORATION** **RES. NO. 9703-020**
AND PALEGA, JR. (PORTOLA) PLAYGROUND RENOVATION
AWARD OF CONTRACT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an Award of Contract for the Mountain Lake Park Shoreline Restoration and Palega, Jr., (Portola) Playground Renovation.
- L. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9703-021**
LION CUB RENOVATION
RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies expenditure for Lion Cub Exhibit.
- M. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9703-022**
MANAGEMENT FEE
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Management Fee.

The Consent Calendar was passed unanimously

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **UNION SQUARE NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EVENT FEE WAIVER/AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY**

Discussion and possible action to approve the waiver of service fees, approval of a two-day event and a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Union Square on Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, 1997, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. each day, for Christian Worship Rallies, sponsored by the New Life Christian Church.

Linda Woo, Recreation Supervisor, presented this item to the Commission. She stated that this is a request for a waiver of service fees, an approval of a two-day event and a modification of the existing sound policy at Union Square on Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. for Christian Worship Rallies, sponsored by the New Life Christian Church. They would like amplified sound from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The existing sound policy allows for a maximum of two hours of amplified sound consecutively.

In addition to the request for the two day event, the New Life Christian Church is also requesting six additional dates of single day events. Normally this does not require Commission approval, however, these single day events are also included in the request for waiver of service fees. This is a first time request from this group for a two-day event. In the past they have requested only single day events. The normal service fee would be \$35.00 per date. Staff recommended approval of the two-day event at Union Square on July 4-5 and a waiver of all service fees. Staff also recommended denial of the request for modification of the existing amplified sound policy.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon requested confirmation that the Commission was being asked to approve the two-day event, the waiver of the service fees and the modification of the existing sound policy.

Ms. Woo responded that the Commission was being asked to approve the two-day, waiver of all service fees, including the six single day events and the request for the modification of the amplified sound policy from two to four hours.

Commissioner Friend inquired as to Mr. Rosenbaum's position with the New Life Christian Church.

Larry Rosenbaum with New Life Christian Church, responded that he is the Evangelism Director. He also stated that over the past 20 years he has been responsible for organizing various Christian rallies. On Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, they are planning opening rallies for their outreach program with music groups from various churches and speakers on the agenda which will take four hours each day. He was unaware of the two-hour policy for weekends, and holidays at Union Square and Justin Herman Plaza, and felt this would limit their ability to get out their message. He requested an exception for this event.

Commissioner Rovetti stated that he feels the two-hour time limit for amplified sound was sufficient.

4.

**UNION SQUARE
NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EVENT
FEE WAIVER/AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY**

(Continued)

Commissioner Gilford stated that he does not see a reason for limiting the sound policy.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, stated that when designing the sound policy for both Union Square and Justin Herman Plaza the Department tried to set a time allotment for amplified sound so that it would be acceptable to both businesses and the residents in the area. The Department felt that the 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. time frame worked well considering that the offices may not be conducting business, because this would be a time when most offices would be at lunch. When it extends beyond the two-hour time frame is when the Department has received most of the complaints.

Commissioner Salinas inquired as to the type of sound.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated that it would primarily be music.

Joel Robinson stated that the Department is not allowed to look at what is being amplified, only that it is amplified sound.

Commissioner Friend recommended that the Commission deny the request to extend sound policy from two hours to four hours but waive the service fees.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9703-023

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for the two-day event and waiver of service fees. However, the request for modification of the existing amplified sound policy is denied.

This item was passed unanimously.

5.

**GOLDEN GATE PARK - POLO FIELD
SUMMER OF LOVE
APPEAL OF DENIAL**

Discussion and possible action to approve an appeal of a denial of the request for the Summer of Love event at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park on October 11, 1997.

THE ABOVE ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CALENDAR.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, stated that an agreement had been reached with the Summer of Love Committee and that the event will be held at the Beach Chalet Soccer Field. The Department will continue to work on the logistics of the event and bring back any requests that need Commission approval.

Chet Helms, Summer of Love Committee, thanked the Department for working with the Summer of Love Committee to find an acceptable location for their event.

Commissioner Friend commended the Department and the Summer of Love Committee for their efforts to find an acceptable location.

6. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
1997-98 FIVE-YEAR PLAN**

Discussion and possible action to approve the 1997-98 Five-Year Plan for the Open Space Program.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, presented this item to the Commission. This is a request to approve the 1997-98 Five-Year Plan for the Open Space Program.

She gave a brief background on the Open Space Advisory Committee, the process of how recommendations are developed and the process whereby the funds are actually appropriated in each budget year for the Open Space Program.

The Recreation and Park Commission will hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and the Open Space budget will be adopted. If new properties are proposed for acquisition the Planning Commission will amend the City's general plan to permit those new properties to be included in the City's long range plans.

The five-year plan looks at the major goals and objectives for the Open Space Program over the next five years. The detailed budget is developed subsequent to the committee's reviewing the five-year plan. In this review of the five-year plan some new objectives have been added. These include: 1) shifting the emphasis of expenditures within the acquisition and development portion of the Fund away from acquisition and toward development of acquired properties; 2) reducing long term maintenance costs of Open Space funded projects; and 3) when funding is available beyond the minimum amounts described in the fund allocation formula, there would be a priority for renovation projects.

As the budget deliberations continue there may be of particular budget recommendations that are not spelled out in the five-year plan. Those modifications that are subsequently developed in this budget year will be addressed in next year's five-year plan. These items will include: 1) Edgehill Park Expansion, 2) Esprit Park, 3) Reprogramming of funds to support activities at Visitacion Valley, King Pool, court resurfacing, athletic field development, natural areas acquisition, 4) Reservoir Development - no funding has been provided because of the excessive costs to rehabilitate reservoir tops and 5) Boeddeker Park Expansion. The Department recommends increased support for the Urban Forestry Program and the possibility of creating a skateboard park in San Francisco.

Commissioner Getty inquired about the percentage of the Open Space Program that must go to acquisition and whether it will change.

Ms. Learner responded that the percentage will not change as the allocation formula is defined in the Charter.

On motion of Commissioner Gilford, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9703-024

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1997-98 Five-Year Plan for the Open Space Program.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Discussion and possible action to accept the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statement for year ending June 30, 1996.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, presented this item to the Commission. The Department entered into an Agreement with the San Francisco Zoological Society in 1993 to take over management of the Zoo. This Agreement has a five-year term with various renewal options and provides that the Society submit for Commission acceptance an annual audited financial statement. This statement reflects what happened in the prior year.

Staff was concerned because this year's statement was submitted after the due date. In further review, staff has some concerns that under the management agreement it talks about raising \$10 million dollars for what is referred to as the Founders' Fund; these are contributions raised by the Society to be used for three major components: 1) \$5 million for capital improvements at the Zoo, 2) \$2 million to cover operating expenses and 3) \$3 million to be used for the endowment fund. In reviewing the audited statement the Founder's Fund is not listed. The Department had requested that the Society provide an analysis of the sources and uses of this fund. An analysis of this statement was prepared by San Francisco Zoological Society's Financial Manager. Based upon this information the Society has complied with requirements of this section of the Agreement.

Other areas reviewed by Mr. Prindle were: the capital fundraising campaign, operational deficits, timing of audited statements and City services.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquired as to what the Commission was being asked to approve and stated that more information should be provided to the Commission before the budget presentation.

David Anderson, Zoo Director, responded that the Commission is being asked to accept the audited statement. In May of this year the Society will work with the Commission on how the budget will be balanced.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, agreed that there are still some questions to be answered. The audited statement reflects how the funds have been spent. Other areas should be dealt with at the budget presentation.

Commissioner Gilford stated that all the Commission is being asked is to accept is the audit.

Philip Carlton, Watchbison Committee, stated his concerns regarding the audited financial statement for the San Francisco Zoological Society. He also asked that the Commission not accept the statement.

David Anderson presented an overview of the campaign plan.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9703-025

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statement for year ending June 30, 1996.

This item was passed unanimously.

8. **3COM PARK
VOLUME SERVICES
CONCESSION PRICE INCREASE**

Discussion and possible action to approve an increase in price for certain concession items offered by Volume Services at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point for the 1997 baseball season.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, presented this item to the Commission. This is a request from the San Francisco Giants through Volume Services, their concessionaire at 3COM Park, for price increase on certain concession items for the 1997 baseball season. Any price increases granted by the Commission will flow through to the Forty-Niner season. According to the lease, the Giants must request Commission approval. The Commission cannot unreasonably withhold this increase.

Commissioner Friend asked the percentage of the items which were being increased.

Marcia Smolens, representing Volume Services, stated that there are approximately 100 products and of those 1.9% are being increased.

Commissioner Rovetti inquired about the payment of back rent from Volume Services.

Mr. Prindle responded that it is not Volume Services but Butler Catering that owes back rent; they are two different organizations. All price increases are in 25 cent increments, which is based upon a previous Commission policy to facilitate change handling. There is no prohibition about bringing food into the stadium.

Commissioner Friend inquired when the prices were last increased.

Ms. Smolens responded that it was two years ago. People do bring food into the park; they do not have to purchase our product.

Commissioner Gilford inquired about the Volume Services contract.

Ms. Smolens responded that the Volume Services Contract is with the San Francisco Giants and they also have a contract with the Forty-Niners.

Commissioner Flunder inquired about the possibility of doing a package deal whereby it would be less expensive for families.

Commissioner Salinas inquired about the annual sales and the number of employees working for Volume Services.

Ms. Smolens responded that would be reflected in the audit. During baseball season there are 200-400 employees throughout the season and during football season 600-800 employees.

On motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9703-026

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in price for certain concession items offered by Volume Services at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point for the 1997 baseball season.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Friend, Flunder, Getty, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti, Salinas

Nos: Gilford

9. **PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES FOR
RECREATION ACTIVITIES AT ALL
RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES**

Discussion and possible action to approve new policies and procedures for athletic events on all Recreation and Park Department property.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, outlined the Recreation and Park Department's Policies and Procedures for Athletic Events to the Commission.

- 1) No youth games to start after 6:00 p.m. This policy mandates no youth games (ages 13 and under) will begin after 6:00 p.m. All youth games will be scheduled to begin as early as possible on weekdays, and Saturday mornings and afternoons will also be utilized as often as possible for youth activities.
- 2) No games in any other age group (other than Midnight Basketball) will begin after 7:00 p.m. Games in all other age groups will be scheduled to follow youth games as closely as possible. All games must begin before 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m., regardless of overtime or extended play. Any game not completed within this time frame must be completed at a later date. This policy does not extend to Midnight Basketball.
- 3) All games that occur in the gym after 6:00 p.m. will be the only program occurring at the facility. Scheduled games will take priority over all other programs. All facility staff will be assigned to supervise the gym during the entire game. Other areas of the facility will be secured and all resources will be concentrated on the gym until the game is completed and the visitor and home teams have safely exited the facility. All activities must now be coordinated with the league schedule to avoid overlapping programs.
- 4) All facilities must identify emergency safe areas to be utilized during emergencies. All facilities must identify an area within the facility (except the gym) that will serve as a safe area for any member of the public should an emergency arise where exiting the facility would be unsafe. This area should be readily accessible and secure so that the public will be safe until help can be obtained. Signs indicating the location of the area must be posted in the director's office to inform any staff person on duty of its location.
- 5) All staff must attend pre-season training prior to the start of all league games. During these sessions all rules, regulations and safety procedures will be discussed relating to all scheduled games. Information on league schedules and any conflicts will be discussed and resolved at this time.

6) All league participants must attend pre-season training prior to start of the league. All team member must attend these sessions where rules, regulations and policies will be discussed. The rules of conduct and sportsmanship will be presented in writing, and all team members must acknowledge receipt of the rules and their commitment to adhering to all league policies.

7) Any staff person is now empowered to cancel or postpone any game or league activity should he/she feel that an unsafe situation exists or may exist. This policy now includes part-time as well as full-time staff, whether they are a visitor or an on-site staff person. We will always err on the side of caution and allow input from any staff person should he/she feel the situation is unsafe. This policy is effective immediately.

8) Official league policy is that before any league game of any sport can take place, the district police captain's office must be notified. A request for police presence must be made and documentation of the time of the call and the contact person must be noted. During any indoor league activity, the request must include a request for officers to enter the building on an indoor call and the anticipated time of the conclusion of the scheduled event. These procedures apply to all facilities and all scheduled games regardless of age group or sport. A complete schedule must be made available to the district captain's office no less than two weeks prior to the first league game.

9) The Recreation and Park Department will utilize groups, such as T.U.R.F., and recruit community volunteers—including parents and other responsible individuals—to serve as monitors at all games citywide. These individuals would be trained to assist staff in the identification of problem areas and decrease the likelihood of audience generated problems. The Department will also create a pool of "guest monitors" that would include celebrities and elected officials to appear at various games throughout the city.

10) Establish a citywide task force on youth activities policies. This group will be comprised of Recreation and Park staff, youth, community advisory board members and police officers. Their mission is to regularly review and update all rules and operating procedures relating to scheduled games and activities throughout the city.

Mr. Robinson stated that this was a process of a continued evaluation and that these ten points were a good start to making the City's playgrounds safer.

Patricia Vaughney with Cow Hollow Neighbors In Action, complimented the Department on its efforts regarding policies and procedures for athletic events, expressed her concern about the time frame of some events, and volunteered her help in acquiring the use of the school district fields for athletic events.

Commissioner Gifford commented on the emphasis of community involvement in helping to make the playgrounds safer places.

Joel Robinson reiterated his views on the policies and procedures for athletic events.

Commissioner Flunder asked if the changes in the time frame will have an effect on the soccer teams and requested that when the participants attend the pre-season training, they bring a parent who, along with the participant, signs an acknowledgment of receipt of the rules and their commitment to adhering to all league policies.

Joel Robinson responded this will not have any effect on the soccer teams.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquired about having police officer on duty.

Mr. Robinson responded that the Department does not expect to have a police officer on duty at all times but expects them to show up on a regular basis, therefore letting the young people know that this is taking place. Each police district will be provided a list of all games that are scheduled for the season.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9703-027

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the new policies and procedures for athletic events on all Recreation and Park Department property.

This item was passed unanimously.

10. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Friend asked Deputy City Attorney Mariam Morley to bring the Commission by-laws up to date.

Ms. Morley responded she would draft the changes in the by-laws and present them at the April Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Friend announced the following committee assignments:

Joint Zoo Committee: Yvette Flunder, Vince Rovetti, Jim Salinas

Finance Committee: Eugene Friend, Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon, Yvette Flunder

Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee: Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon, Rotea Gilford, William Getty,

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Philip Carleton, Watchbison Committee, spoke on issues concerning the Bison Paddock.

Patrick Mulligan, San Francisco Vikings Soccer League, thanked the Department for all their efforts and support to the soccer leagues.

David Miles, Free the Park/Golden Gate Skaters, spoke on issues concerning skaters and offensive music in Golden Gate Park.

Ernestine Weiss, Golden Gateway Complex, spoke on issues concerning skateboarding in Justin Herman Plaza. She also wanted to know if it would be possible to schedule public comment in the middle of the meeting.

John Laskin spoke on the proposed Golden Gate Park road closures.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Allen Cohen spoke on issues concerning the Summer of Love Council and the Polo Field.

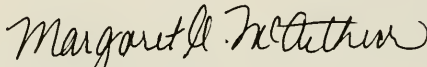
Bill McCarthy thanked the Department for their efforts in finding another location for the Summer of Love Council and invited everyone to attend.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Friend adjourned the meeting.

There being no further business, the 724th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret A. McArthur".

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

72⁵th REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 17, 1997 - 2:00 p.m.

The Seven Hundred and Twenty Fifth Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
William Getty
Rotea Gilford
Vincent Rovetti
Jim Salinas

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Commissioner Friend introduced Donna Ernston, Executive Director of Friends of Park and Recreation.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Jim Delfino, Area Supervisor of the Turf Management Division. Jim Cooney, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentation.

POLO FIELD

It is my pleasure to announce the official re-opening of the Polo Field, which will take place on Saturday, April 19, at 12:00 noon, with Mayor Brown in attendance. This was a project that was originally started in July of 1996 and was a joint effort of Recreation and Park Department employees and outside contractors. A relatively new variety of sod, consisting of Tiffway II Bermuda grass with a Perennial Ryegrass overseed, was selected after its successful use at Kezar Stadium and 3Com Park. I would like to thank the Ground Sports Activities Committee for its patience and understanding for any disruption of scheduled events and having to utilize temporary sites while this project was underway.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN

The Golden Gate Park draft Master Plan draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being distributed to the public. The comment period concludes May 28 with a public hearing before the Planning Commission on May 22. After the comment period, a formal "response to comments" document will be prepared. The EIR cannot be considered complete until the "response to comments" document is attached to the draft EIR. The protocol for the process is that all concerns and comments are directed to the Department of City Planning. The Recreation and Park Commission should not discuss the draft EIR during the public review and certification period. Once the final EIR is certified, the Golden Gate

Park draft Master Plan will be calendared before the Recreation and Park Commission for final approval. Impacts and mitigation identified in the EIR will be discussed at that time.

SHARP PARK OFF-LEASH DOG WALKING

Pacifica Police Chief Merrit notified our department that Pacifica is enforcing its leash law. Their Animal Advisory Committee will be holding a hearing on April 23, and a group of dog owners is bringing a petition requesting that off-leash dog walking be allowed on the Sharp Park seawall between the golf course and the ocean. There are several problems: 1) The seawall is Recreation and Park Department property. 2) The seawall was not designed and is not maintained as a promenade. 3) Some dog walkers enter the golf course from the seawall or allow their pets to roam on the course. For safety and liability considerations, we should not allow this activity on our property.

STRYBING ARBORETUM

The American Horticultural Society (AHS) is holding its annual meeting in San Francisco, April 24-27, with the theme, "Celebrating the American Garden." In honor of the 75 years of dedicated work by AHS, the Mayor has declared April 24-27 as American Horticultural Society Week in San Francisco. In conjunction with this, Strybing Arboretum is having a tree planting ceremony on April 27 at 10:00 a.m. to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of AHS. The tree that will be planted is a *Magnolia campbellii* var. *alba*.

ZOO NEWS

The new Avian Conservation Center opened on March 22. In celebration of this new center, several dignitaries attended the opening, including Mayor Brown, Commissioner Bill Getty, representatives from the Department of Public Works, Clean Water and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Brian Walton from the Predatory Bird Group at U.C. Santa Cruz and Dr. Carol Boggs of Stanford University. Members of the Ohlone Native Americans sang a traditional song and named the Zoo's one-week-old chick "Lupaih," which means white headed bird. Lupaih has been successfully fostered into a wild bald eagle nest in Catalina.

GENERAL MANAGER

I will be attending a retreat, "Parks as Community Places: A New Era for Parks," organized by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Urban Parks Institute. The purpose of the retreat, which takes place in Boston, Massachusetts, from May 1-5, is to bring together Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund grantees and their public and private guests to consider emerging notions of what parks can be.

I will also be attending the spring meeting of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance (UPRA) in Austin, Texas, May 14-16. UPRA is comprised of the managers of the 44 largest urban park districts in the United States and Canada. The emphasis of the organization is problem solving and information sharing.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims under \$5,000 were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months July-December 1996 and January-March 1997:

July

Lee, Linda M.	678.84	Nagoke, Rupinderpaul	572.17
Ko, Eunmi	552.74	Mahrt, David	333.90
Bjorgan, Stephen	498.00	Muhawieh, Nazer	176.36
Tudor, David K.	821.30	Blake, Edward Jr.	144.94
Dilelio, Joseph C.	4,263.10	Ma, Charles	1,531.32
Fung Robert B.	484.45	Leary, Patrick	210.00

August

Bachman, Lawrence R.	1,013.22	Corbin, Donald E.	95.00
Kirk, Patrick S.	521.37	Granelli, Sergio & Eva	626.79
Passey, F. W.	37.17	Mayfield, Zukiaka	4,000.00

September

Belmore, Scott	493.38	Lucchesi, Giovanni	1,872.95
Gannon, Paula	2,091.49	Rogers, Andrew Lewis	585.00
Muhammad, Askia	750.00	Lu, Er	377.13
Jay, Choi Man Kwan aka Jay Jud	225.00	Gee, David	159.95
Mcleod, Circe	229.58	Garside, Wenona	100.00
Gonyeau, Charles Timothy	1,888.60	Gallagher, John	50.00
Lo, Stacy	393.00	Llanos, Jacinto B.	350.00
Michaud, Angela	50.00	Balistreri, Mike	365.57
Wu, Joseph J./Anita O.	1,504.81	Tongue, Granville	262.43
Bartels, Susan C.	94.74		

October

Gharaglia, Claire	1,000.00	Carlin, Josefa L. (minor)	2,800.00
Niosi, Andrea	1,909.38	Hsu, John	308.50
Howland, Gladys	68.88	Celi, Giovanni	160.00
Ko, Soo Kil	2,867.60	Wang, Sing Gine	142.00
Richards, Thomas	193.09	Nicholson, Barry	411.43
Hurley, Robert B.	648.83	Mui, Dan	1,800.00
Sloane, Lisa	208.47	O'Kane, Mary Kay	444.43

November

Lam, Ching	732.57	Louie, Maryann	1,109.28
Gonzalez, Miguel Jr.	374.65	Gonzalez, Miguel Jr.	187.33

December

Vargas, Christian A.	1,076.98	Seaman, George T.	1,000.00
Cheatham, Michael J.	810.15		

January

DeWolfe, Jan	1,800.00	Burke, Kieran Francis	500.00
Seaman, George	432.64	Johnson, Richard C.	271.42
Soo, John	162.94	McAssey, John	1,030.02
Babb, Andrew	154.43	Kneitel, Alan	123.96
Hewko, Emil & Kathie	71.65	Rozenblum, Felix	860.47
Martinez, Edwin S.	704.11	Lebegue, Danielle	100.00

February

Nothman, William	1,000.00	Tanizawa, Jolie, A.	304.48
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Feroz, Ali	1,908.04	Kaviani, Mohammad	475.00
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March

Stoermer, Mark A.	442.35	Hinckley, Angela M.	926.31
Hendrickson, William D.	1,279.32	Bartels, Susan C.	89.06
Piper, Jon L.	540.17	Tolbert, Orlando	300.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 16 through Sunday, April 20, 1997	Landscape Garden Show; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Friday until 9:00 p.m.); Fort Mason Center
Saturday, April 19, 1997	Official re-opening of the Polo Field; 12:00 p.m.; Polo Field
Saturday, April 26, 1997	Christmas in April workday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Hunters Point Gym, Milton Meyer Recreation Center and Merced Heights Playground
Wednesday, April 30, 1997	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, May 1, 1997	Joint meeting of Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission; 1:30 p.m.; 401 Van Ness, Room 404
Saturday, May 3, 1997	Strybing Arboretum Annual Plant Sale 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; County Fair Building
Monday, May 5, 1997	Cinco de Mayo Luncheon; 12:00 p.m.; County Fair Building
Tuesday, May 6, 1997	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, May 7, 1997	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour); 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolutions were adopted:

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO. 9704-027
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following minutes.

For the March 20, 1997 Commission Meeting.

B. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9704-028
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That is Commission approves the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

DONATION FROM:

Michael King	One unknown sex Pacu
3548 Brook St., Apt. A	Private Party
Lafayette, CA	

Craig Dusseau	One unknown sex African
P.O. Box 190022	Hedgehog
San Francisco, CA 94119	Private Party

PURCHASE

B.C. Reptiles	5 Millipedes, 30 Ground Beetles
18049 10A avenue	\$190.00 group
South Surrey	
BC Canada V4P 1M6	

White Ark Reptile	One unknown sex Mata Mata
4644 Geary Blvd.	\$175.00
San Francisco, CA 94118	

C. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 9704-029

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following gift valued at \$13,000 for the Recreation and Park Department.

From the Friends of Recreation and Parks one Model 90 Bandit Brush Chipper for the Urban Forestry Division.

D. MCLAREN PARK RES. NO. 9704-030
PLACEMENT OF SIGN

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the designation of a creek in McLaren Park as "Gray Fox Creek" and approval of placement of sign so designating.

E. HERZ PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9704-031
CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual improvement plan for Herz Playground.

F. DUBOCE PARK RES. NO. 9704-032
WEATHER STATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revocable permit to allow the National Weather Service to install a weather monitoring station (thermometer and rain gauge) on the rooftop of the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Building at 50 Scott Street.

G. TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9704-033
DISNEYLAND OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Tenderloin Children's Playground overnight trip to Disneyland May 16 - 18, 1997.

- H. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9704-034**
TRIP TO OAHU, HAWAII
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division's trip to Oahu, Hawaii, for 10 teenagers who are blind and visually impaired, June 7-14, 1997. This trip will be in collaboration with the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired (RRL).
- I. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISON** **RES. NO. 9704-035**
CAMP MATHER OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division's overnight trip for 15 children who are deaf and hard of hearing to Camp Mather, June 9-14, 1997.
- J. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9704-036**
CAMP MATHER OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division's overnight trip for 15 children who are deaf and hard of hearing to Camp Mather, July 29 to August 2, 1997.
- K. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9704-037**
RIVER RAFTING OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division's overnight trip for 10-15 teens who are deaf and hard of hearing to go river rafting, August 22-23, 1997.
- L. **ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9704-038**
CAMP MATHER OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Assisted Recreation Division's overnight trip for 15 teens who are blind and visually impaired to Camp Mather, August 12-16, 1997.
- M. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9704-039**
PEPPERWOOD NATURE PRESERVE OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation Division's overnight trip on July 7-10, 1997, to Pepperwood Nature Preserve in Santa Rosa, California for 12 students, 10-13 years of age.
- N. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9704-040**
BODEGA BAY MARINE LABORTORY OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation Division's overnight trip, August 4-8, 1997, to Bodega Bay Marine Laboratory in Sonoma County, California for 12 students, 11-14 years of age.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SUNSHINE ORDINANCE 67.11 (A) AS WHETHER TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION.**

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Getty this Commission voted unanimously to convene in closed session to invoke the attorney client privilege.

Before convening in closed session the following people spoke during public comment on this item.

Dr. Patrice Bozich, at boarder a Golden Gate Park Stables spoke of her concerns with the Speedway Meadow Arena and the potential hazardous material that could be in the arena.

Peter Desmond, a boarder at Golden Gate Park Stables stated his concerns some of which were with staff and urged that the contract be properly enforced.

Katherine Mroz, a boarder at Golden Gate Park Stables also stated her concerns which included the night security and the quality of hay.

Polly Digman, management at Golden Gate Park Stables, stated that she would be happy to provide information from the hay brokers. There was a problem with hay and management is doing everything to remedy the situation. She also stated that the rate increase is needed and that money has been lost from all the delays.

Karen Bruehl, a boarder at Golden Gate Park Stables for over 10 years stated that she supported the rate increase. She praised management, felt that the stables had improved, the riding lessons had improved and she believed it to be a good public stable.

Mickey Dennis, a boarder at Golden Gate Park Stables was supportive of management. She believed the place is safe and felt comfortable sending her children there.

Jerry Lombardi, management at Golden Gate Park Stables discussed the permits and the material in Speedway Arena. He stated that management applied and obtained permits for the remodeling of all that stalls. This was not covered under one permit, but a total of six. Each reflected accurately the cost. He stated that when there was a discussion of contamination problem in the arena he immediately called the supplier, Granite Rock in Redwood City, gave him the material data sheet. That sheet was supplied to the Commission. He stated that product being used was SC70, a cutback product manufacturer by Shell but not Cutback. SC70 meets the highest of environmental standards.

Helen Norris, management at Golden Gate Park Stables, replied to Katherine Ross' comments regarding Shay. She stated that Shay earns very little but her husband has a good job and they like to take vacations.

Deborah Learner, park planner, requested that she be allowed to clarify a statement that was made which commented on her participation and review of the plans. She stated that she does not supervise leases and was called upon to comment on proposals to construct the rink. One issue that was discussed was the railing around the rink and whether it should be wood or metal. Metal is more durable and provides more transparency in a blocked off area.

Commissioner Friend asked if the management followed the quality of hay procedures used by the Police stables.

Polly Digman replied that the last load of feed was from the same supplier that the Police used and that management was not happy with this hay.

Commissioner Friend prefaced his next comment by stating that he was speaking only for himself and not for the Commission. He then stated that in the past there were always a few people who made vocal complaints about the stables. There were also a number of people that were very happy with the stables. He thought that it might be wise to close down the stables as far as the boarders were concerned because that was where the complaints were coming from.

However, after hearing the good things that had been said, he felt he must give equal time and consideration to those good things. He did not have his mind set on anything and would go into closed session and then possibly report back.

Mariam Morley, Deputy City Attorney stated that there were only certain items that the Commission must announce.

5. **CLOSED SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT SECTION 54956.9 (B) AND SUNSHINE ORDINANCE SECTION 67.11.**

The Commission convened in closed session.

6. **OPEN SESSION**

The Commission returned to open session. **Mariam Morley** stated that the Commission was back after closed session and that in regard to Item number six on the calendar, there was no reportable action taken.

7. On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9704-041

RESOLVED, That this Commission not disclose at this time the deliberations in closed session and that the deliberations and issues be put on a future calendar.

This item was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rovetti requested that his vote in closed session be reversed.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MCLAREN LODGE ZONE

Discussion and possible action to approve the award of contract to Trinet Construction in the amount of \$588,000 for improvements to McLaren Lodge (disabled access and other infrastructure improvements).

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9704-042

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Trinet Construction in the amount of \$588,000 for improvements to McLaren Lodge.

Ayes: Friend, Flunder, Getty, Gilford, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti
Noes: Salinas

9. **DUBOCE PARK**
ENCROACHMENT OF ADJACENT PROPERTY
REVOCABLE PERMIT

Discussion and possible action to approve resolution to issue a revocable permit for continuance of encroachment on 47-49-51 Potomac Street onto Duboce Park.

Commissioner Friend asked Deborah Learner the amount by which the property was encroaching onto Duboce Park. She responded 1.23 feet.

Commissioner Rovetti moved, **Commissioner Flunder** seconded.

Commissioner Getty requested a quick presentation.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner explained that there is a Victorian home which encroaches 1.23 feet onto Deboce Park. The property owner would like to do a property conversion. In the course of doing obtaining permits, the encroachment was discovered. Staff has worked with the City Attorney's office to provide a mechanism which would allow this to continue only for the life of the building.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon stated that the Commission has approved this in other situations.

There being no further discuss, on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9704-043

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revocable permit for continuance of encroachment on 47-49-51 Potomac Street onto Duboce Park.

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE

Discussion and possible action to approve consent to holdover of lessee Thigpen Ltd. Inc., continuing on a month-to-month basis, the terms of the Lease for operation of the Golden Gate Park Golf Course, which expires March 31, 1997.

Commissioner Friend explained that this is to approve a month to month extension with Thigpen Ltd., Inc. on the current lease. Mr. Thigpen has been the operator on the regular lease and he is willing to continue on a month to month basis.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon , seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9704-044

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves consent to holdover of lessee Thigpen Ltd., Inc., continuing on a month-to-month basis, the terms of the Lease for operation of the Golden Gate Park Gold Course, which expires March 31, 1997.

This item was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gilford stated that he wished to go back to item number eight. He asked Joel Robinson how the bid was awarded for McLaren Lodge renovation, if it went out to public bid and under what circumstances was it awarded?

Deborah Learner explained that all contracts are through the Department of Public Works (DPW). When the bids come in, the Recreation and Park Department receives notice as to what the low bid was and if they meet the Human Rights Commission's (HRC) requirements as stipulated in the bid package. At that point DPW recommends to whom the bid should be awarded. This goes to the Recreation and Park Commission and staff recommends the award based on the low bid and meeting the HRC requirements.

Commissioner Gilford asked if this had already come before the Commission.

Commissioner Flunder stated that it came to the Finance Committee and the Committee approved it.

Commissioner Gilford asked if there was information on Trinet.

Commissioner Flunder stated that the information on the contracts goes through DPW and that Department then informs the Commission of who the low bidder is and who meets the HRC requirements.

Commissioner Gilford asked who they were.

Commissioner Salinas stated that he understood the firm is an out of state contractor.

Deborah Learner stated that they are a local business enterprise.

Commissioner Salinas stated that anyone can set up as a local business by putting in a satellite office in San Francisco and for \$200-\$300 a month. Hire no local residents puts no one to work here. Does nothing for local tax base or the local economy.

Commissioner Flunder suggested that if there was to be policy change that it is discussed how the policy needs to be changed. Policy is already in place.

Commissioner Gilford stated that the Commission needs to examine the issues if it is going to get involved.

Commissioner Flunder agreed to the need to look at policy and change the policy. She stated that if someone had misrepresented themselves then the Commission needed to look at and examine it. Great suggestion. However have voted on this and moved on this.

Commissioner Rovetti asked if they are required to hire union people?

Commissioner Salinas stated that it comes under prevailing wage law. In essence you are paying union wages as long as there is someone at Recreation and Park to enforce it.

Commissioner Flunder requested that the Commission go back to the recommendation: 1) examine questions that Commissioner Gilford had about this specific contractor and 2) look at the Recreation and Park Department policy about taking contracts, and then make sure that we have built into it those things that will give fairness and full disclosure. She requested that staff find out those answers.

Commissioner Friend asked Commissioner Salinas if he wanted to try and reverse this motion.

Commissioner Salinas stated he wanted to clarify how two of the Commissioners were in the same position. In order to expedite matters he felt the meeting was speeding up and he had wanted to speak on the issue.

Commissioner Friend requested that they review what was known to be fact. He asked Deborah Learner if there was a signed contract.

Deborah Learner responded that there was not a signed contract.

Commissioner Salinas - local business enterprise not minority and woman enterprise

Deborah Learner stated there was only one bid.

Commissioner Salinas asked how the information was disseminated.

Deborah Learner responded that it went through DPW and was noticed in the Daily Pacific Builder for projects. She also commented on prevailing wage. DPW's inspects all construction projects on park property on a day to day basis and certified payrolls are submitted to the construction inspector on every job.

Commissioner Salinas stated that on a daily basis he find violations on public works - in just yet to find agency that is able to enforce prevailing wages across the board. His concern is that the community be impacted in a positive manner and afford local workers to work. He then asked for consideration to reconsideration.

Commissioner Flunder suggested that the Commission take those comments and develop a policy which goes into record. and states that this Commission will look at whether we do or don't approve a contract

Commissioner Salinas requested that a vote be taken to rescind the vote on Item Number 8.

Commissioner Gilford stated that there is a suspicion that contracts are being willed to people based on some preference. He wants a review of the policy.

Commissioner Getty agreed and also wanted to make sure the San Francisco residents were prioritized.

Ernie Prindle suggested that DPW make a presentation before the Commission explaining the procedure.

Commissioner Rovetti stated that if the money can go to a San Francisco contractor than that is where he would like to see it go.

Commissioner Salinas made a motion to rescind the action take on Item Number 8.

Commissioner Rovetti seconded the motion.

Commissioner Flunder stated that she agreed with all the reasons why contracts need to be examined, however, she felt there was some degree of unfairness to stop the process after conversations with this contractor . She believed there were ways to have a much better idea of how to have these contracts done and to set policy into the future. However, there was a current policy which relates to the contractor and let to them and all of a sudden boom.

Commissioner Salinas stated that he felt just to stop and speak to the issue made an impact on the community and wanted to move in positive direction.

The motion to rescind was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes: Getty, Gilford, Rovetti, Salinas
Noes: Friend, Flunder, McArdle-Solomon*

Commissioner Flunder stated that there was not a contractor for the job.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked Joel Robinson if there was a way of expediting this process or if needed to go through months of work.

Joel Robinson voiced his concerns. He felt that there needed to be a well thought out policy before bids are retracted.

Commissioner Friend asked Commissioner Salinas to check out Trinet and if they are acceptable to bring this back to the Commission.

Commissioner Salinas agreed.

Deborah Learner then stated that there were three bidders not one on contract.

Commissioner Flunder stated that she wanted go on record as saying there were three bids. This bid won by the policy that was already in place and the commission stopped the contract without a new policy on its place. Very unfair both to the people who are doing the work and the people who work for them as well as it is to the city. To do it now without a new policy in its place - to just stop it and there were three bids and they did what they were suppose to do and it was policy that they followed. It was unfair.

Rotea - 36 years involved in city government - spent championing the cause of those people who are complaining about the lack of access to the process, the lack of knowledge about the process. When growing up in the city he wasn't provided access to simply because no one told him. He is not convinced that that does not still occur today.

Wants accountability of who contract bidders are and what they intend to do by providing access.

**11. GOLDEN GATE PARK - ROAD CLOSURES
ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ TRIATHLON**

Discussion and possible action to approve road closures of the westbound lane of John F. Kennedy Drive and the north entrances to Golden Gate Park along Fulton Street between 30th Avenue and the Great Highway from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 1997 for the Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon.

Commissioner Friend announced the item.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9704-044

RESOLVED, That this Commission approved the road closures of the westbound lane of John F. Kennedy Drive and the north entrances to Golden Gate Park along Fulton Street between 30th Avenue and the Great Highway from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 1997 for the Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon.

This item was passed unanimously.

**12. GOLDEN GATE PARK - SHARON MEADOW
"SOUTHERN COMFORT ROCKS THE BLUES"
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY MODIFICATION**

Discussion and possible action to approve an admission-charged, fenced event and modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, June 7, 1997, for "Southern Comfort Rocks The Blues."

Anne O'Toole with the Great American Music Hall stated she would be happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Friend briefly described the item and asked what staff recommendation was.

Linda Woo replied that staff recommended approval.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Getty, the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9704-045

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an admission-charged, fenced event and modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, June 7, 1997, for "Southern Comfort Rocks The Blues."

**13. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA, UNION SQUARE AND MISSION DOLORES PARK
SIXTH ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION
"MAKING WAVES"**

AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY MODIFICATION

Discussion and possible action to approve a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza, Union Square and Mission Dolores Park on Saturday, June 21, 1997, for the Sixth Annual Summer Solstice Celebration "Making Waves" San Francisco Music Day.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9704-046

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the request of modification of the existing amplified sound policy at all three venues.

This item was passed unanimously.

**14. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
NIKE "REPRESENT"
PRO-AM BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY MODIFICATION**

Discussion and possible action to approve a three-day event and a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 4, 5 and 6, 1997, for NIKE "Represent," a Pro-Am Basketball Tournament.

Joel Robinson made a brief presentation and recommended denial of the modification.

On motion of Commissioner Gilford, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9704-047

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the three-day event but denies the modification of the existing sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 4 -6, 1997 for NIKE "Represent" a Pro-Am Basketball Tournament.

This item was passed unanimously.

15. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE
SEVENTH ANNUAL MOON FESTIVAL CELEBRATION
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY MODIFICATION**

Discussion and possible action to approve a two-day event and a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Portsmouth Square on Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, 1997, for the Seventh Annual Moon Festival Celebration.

Joel Robinson made a brief presentation. Staff recommended denial of the modification of sound policy but approval of the two-day event.

On motion on Commissioner Gilford, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9704-048

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the modification of the existing amplified sound policy but approves the two-day event.

16. **23rd STREET AND TREAT AVENUE PARCEL
EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS**

Discussion and possible action to approve the Initiation of Eminent Domain Proceedings for the 23rd Street and Treat Avenue Parcel.

Joanne Wilson presented this item. This parcel had been identified in the City's Master Plan as a high priority of additional open space and recreation uses. The Department had been working with the community to develop a conceptual plan. The proposed park would include a large grassy area, children's play area, small seating area, community garden and possibly a restroom. The Department recommended that the Commission approve the initiation of eminent domain proceeding to acquire the site. The Department of Real Estate and the City Attorney have been negotiating with the nine owners for over two years and were still at an impasse. The City and the owners agree on a purchase price. However, there are three outstanding issues: 1) cost of the clean up of lead contaminated soil which is estimated at \$300,000, 2) the removal of underground fuel tanks estimated at \$30,000 - \$70,000 and 3) the owners have refused to indemnify the City against liability related to potential presence of toxics on site for a two year period following the close of escrow.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon stated that this item was referred from Committee to the full Commission without recommendation. At the time it was heard in Committee the City was at an impasse. She asked if the City was still at an impasse.

Joanne Wilson answered that the City was still at an impasse.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9704-049

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Initiation of Eminent Domain Proceedings for the 23rd Street and Treat Avenue Parcel.

This item was passed unanimously.

17. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

BY-LAWS

Discussion only of proposed revisions to the Rules of the Recreation and Park Commission.

This item was put over.

18. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Flunder addressed that Commission and explained that she, Commissioner Friend, Commissioner Gilford and Joel Robinson had spoke regarding adhoc committees. These would be put together for a period of time for a specific purpose. One would be the contract over site committee that with Department staff and City Attorney's office would go through all of the Department contracts to become aware of compliance issues, aware of the terms and aware of anything that may give the Commission potential surprise in the future. The second adhoc committee would be for the zoo only. She stated that there was a need to be able to be completely be aware of where all the funds will be coming from, where all the funds will go, a sense of why we don't meet our deadline for audits and reviews and the potential of sitting on powder keg with what it could happen with the zoo.

Commissioner Gilford would oversee the Contracts Oversight Committee and she asked Commissioner McArdle-Solomon to oversee the Zoo Committee. Commissioner Flunder said she would work with Commissioner McArdle-Solomon.

Commissioner Friend announced the Zoo Committee as - Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Flunder and Getty and the Contracts Oversight Committee as - Commissioners Gilford, Salinas and Rovetti.

Commissioner Flunder stated that the Commissioners would be notified through staff of possible dates to get together. She also stated that this was a proactive approach instead of reactive approach.

Commissioner Flunder then discussed the change in policy with regard to consent calendar. In the future nothing is to be on the consent calendar unless it has passed through a committee, and the committee would determine if the item goes to the consent or the general calendar.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Martin, a current boarder spoke about her concerns with the stables, the fee increase and discussed the information packet which included copies of correspondence, photographs, photographs of other local facilities and a complete comparable chart and a survey of all boarders. It was handed out to the Commission.

Dr. John Bozich, current boarder spoke about his concerns including the materials that went into the rink, specifically SC70. His understanding is that there were other materials also put in the rink which are on a Prop. 65 list which means they should not be on Park property. Mr. Ben Gale has concern on this matter. Not trying to close facility or give management a hard time, but they wanted things to be done with conscience.

Ken Hogar, a tennis player spoke regarding the tennis courts and the use of these courts for tai chi. He would like to reopen the dialogue on this matter. Joel Robinson has a meeting scheduled. He also spoke as a member of the Friends of Mt. Davidson. He handed out a mission statement and briefly discussed and would like to be part on the decision making of the Commission on this matter.

Peter Desmond, a current boarder, stated that Mr. Ben Gale would be willing to send a representative to the meeting to give his interpretation of the Baseline Report.. He discussed the Baseline Report and stated that Mr. Galé neither disqualified the validity of the contamination that was reported through the independent report that was paid for by Dr. Bozich. He stated that Mr. Gale said that report was valid and that while there was nothing there at that moment it was very possible that damage had already begun to children, horses, students and workers over the past six months.

Ernie Prindle asked to comment briefly on some of Mr. Desmond's comments. He stated that the Commissioners had received a brief report from Mr. Gale which stated that

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726th REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 15, 1997 - 2:00 p.m.

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The Seven Hundred and Twenty Sixth Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 15, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by Commissioner Yvette Flunder

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
William Getty
Rotea Gilford
Vincent Rovetti
Jim Salinas, Sr.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize two employees: Lou Maunupau, Recreation Director at Mission Playground, and Cynthia Crawford, Senior Administrative Analyst in the Finance Division. Don Ybaretta, Principal Recreation Supervisor, and Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager, will make the respective presentations.

1997 CITIZEN SURVEY

The second San Francisco Citizen Survey has been completed and the results distributed. The 1997 survey found respondents to be more satisfied with the City's general performance in providing services in 1997 than in 1996. Many of the responses regarding the Recreation and Park Department were similar to the findings in the 1996 survey. Some Recreation and Park Department survey highlights are as follows:

- The convenience, cost and quality of City recreation programs again averaged a good to fair rating.
- The quality of park grounds are largely favorable (67% good or very good) and have improved from 1996 (59% "good or very good").

Additionally, the executive summary of the survey states that ratings of parks and libraries have improved and continue to be favorable.

URBAN PARKS INSTITUTE

Last month I mentioned that I would be attending the Urban Parks Institute in Boston, Massachusetts, May 1-5. The conference brought together all of the cities which received grants from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Urban Parks Institute. I found the conference to be very informative, with the most beneficial aspect being the opportunity to network with directors from other areas of the country. Also attending the conference were Commissioner Yvette Flunder, Donna Ernstson and Mike Nicoson from the Friends of Recreation and Parks, and Brenda Drake from the Goldman Foundation. If one point can be made subsequent to the conference, it is that San Francisco is truly a national leader in the field of recreation and park services.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

On April 26, for the second year, City recreation facilities were on the list of projects completed by Christmas in April volunteers. Corporate volunteers from Chevron, Air Touch, Bechtel, PG&E, Shaklee, San Francisco Giants, and Bay Area Young Architects worked at Milton Meyer/Hunter's Point. At Merced Heights Recreation Center, volunteers were employees of Watson Wyatt Worldwide. At both sites recreation buildings were painted inside and out and lawn and garden areas were landscaped, and at Hunter's Point Gym even ballfield benches were installed. The Milton Meyer complex was very successful in getting community members, both adults and youths, to turn out, making this a true neighborhood event.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

On May 8, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department sponsored and hosted the First Annual City and County of San Francisco Integrated Pest Management Conference. The all-day event, held at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park, attracted representatives from a number of City departments as well as individuals from other Bay Area organizations and municipalities. Over 100 participants attended the morning session to hear speakers, including Mayor Willie Brown and Supervisor Leslie Katz, discuss possible revisions to the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy. The policy, identified as Chapter 39 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, mandates that all City departments and City property lease holders adhere to a number of pesticide use restrictions and implement reduced-risk (IPM) strategies in their efforts to control pests that damage City property.

The conference, which was co-sponsored by the San Francisco Agriculture Department and the State Department of Pesticide Regulation, also included afternoon sessions that featured hands-on demonstrations and training on pest monitoring and innovative pest management techniques. This highly successful event was largely organized and facilitated by our department's acting IPM Coordinator, Bob Fiorello. Congratulations, Bob, for a job well done!

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

City staff is engaged in discussion with San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), American Institute of Architects (AIA) and interested members of the community on redesign plans for Civic Center Plaza.

Proposals or discussions center around restoring the Plaza to its configuration of 1915 as well as interim plans for removal of the fountain. Both of these concepts have been approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in a previous action. As specific plans are further refined, they will be brought forward to the Commission, probably in June.

ZOO NEWS

The caiman stolen from the aviary in February was returned to the Zoo on May 2. He was found tied to a tree in a San Jose park and was suffering from hypothermia, dehydration, extensive muscle trauma, minor abrasions and a broken rib as well as missing a couple of teeth. With treatment he is improving rapidly and has been eating and is back in his exhibit. Zoo staff is concerned but optimistic about his recovery. Zoo officials are working with the San Francisco Police Department and San Jose Animal Control to find and prosecute the perpetrator.

The new lion cub exhibit opens the weekend of May 24, with a press preview on May 22. The Zoo has acquired three lion cubs from South Africa, two of which arrived last week. They are captive born from wild stock and relocated because of park over population. The acquisition is approved by the American Zoological Association as part of a program to introduce new genetic stock to the lion population in zoos in the United States. The exhibit was constructed on the east side of the lion house, primarily by the Zoo's maintenance department.

The Board of Supervisors Economic Development, Transportation and Technology Committee held a hearing on May 6 on the feasibility of reducing or eliminating admission fees to the Zoo for San Francisco residents. The Zoological Society outlined a proposal, subject to Commission approval, to offer both reduced admission and annual membership fees in the range of 25% for residents. The proposal would be effective when the first bond funded project is opened, which is expected in early 2000. The committee was pleased with the proposal, and no further action is expected by the Board of Supervisors.

The Zoo will be unveiling a sculpture of Bwana, the late patriarch of the gorilla exhibit, on May 21. It is a gift of Barney Osher in honor of Mrs. Osher and will include a recognition for the many donors to the Founders Fund, which raised over \$11 million—exceeding the \$10 million goal contained in the management agreement.

FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Friends of Recreation and Parks conduct a variety of campaigns to benefit the Department's parks and programs. Among these have been membership drives, special events and targeted appeals. This month they are launching the "Park Leadership Society," aimed at soliciting and recognizing major individual donors. A new brochure, a copy of which is at your places, has been produced and includes a list of the past year's contributors. Next month the Friends will launch the "Heritage League," aimed at building an endowment for Golden Gate Park. You will receive a copy of that brochure at next month's meeting.

SAFE KIDS GEAR UP GAMES

Mayor Brown, the Police, Fire, Health, and Recreation and Park Departments came together to endorse community childhood injury prevention. On May 10, the Safe Kids Gear Up Games were held at the Tenderloin Recreation Center. The event, sponsored by the Safe Kids Coalition and the Department of Public Health, consisted of a 12-station obstacle course in which children competed in games, such as put on a helmet, stop-drop-roll, buckle up a seat belt. Approximately 200 people attended the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 24, 1997	Multicultural Kite Festival; 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.; Beach Chalet Soccer Fields, Golden Gate Park
Monday, May 26, 1997	Memorial Day Holiday
Thursday, May 29, 1997	Teen Achievement Awards Dinner and Ceremony; 6:00 p.m.; County Fair Building
Tuesday, June 3, 1997	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, June 4, 1997	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour); 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo
Thursday, June 5, 1997	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, June 18, 1997	Board of Supervisors Finance Committee budget hearing on Department's budget; 1:00 p.m.; 401 Van Ness, Room 404

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

Commissioner Flunder announced that there was public comment on Item J and that at the request of staff Item H be removed to make technical changes.

J. GOLDEN GATE PARK POLO FIELD

Charles Figone spoke regarding the configuration of the polo field as it restricts bike riding. He requested that whatever design is approved allow for the use of track and not have the present restrictions.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager stated that the intention is to see that it is open at 6:00 a.m. and closed at dusk in the evening. The Department does plan on allowing access all day long.

Adam Gubser, Assistant Bicycle Program Director for the Department of Parking and Traffic, requested that the Commission withhold making any commitment or any decision until the bicycle community - namely the Board of Supervisors appointed bicycle committee - hears plans and concerns and weigh in with their input. He stated that it is a signed bicycle route going through the polo field.

Charles Duffy stated his concerns about the bicycle path. He stated that the fencing in of the tunnels would deprive access to a route that has been designation by the San Francisco bicycle program.

Dr. Bozich stated the the polo field was in better shape than it ever was before. She also stated that the money being generated from events should go to the renovation of the field and not to the general fund. She would like the upper fence to be gone because people have for some time sat on the outer perimeter and watched the activities on the field which they can not do now. She recommended that the Department put an eight foot fence at the bottom and put gates there to keep people out after certain hours.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner the following motion was approved:

RESOLVED, That this item be taken off calendar until the Department can come up with some options and alternatives.

This item was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flunder stated that Item H also needed to come off consent and requested that Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager brief the Commission on Item H.

Ernie Prindle explained the technical changes recommended by the City Attorney. The two items the City Attorney had suggested changes were the fire prevention program and the handicap accessible portable toilets.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following action was adopted:

To remove Item H from the consent calendar for purposes of technical changes.

This action was unanimous.

On motion of Commissioner Gilford, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolutions were adopted:

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9705-053**
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves minutes of the April 17, 1997 Commission Meeting.

- B. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9705-054**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
Discussion and possible action to approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

PURCHASE FROM:

Burnet Park Zoo	One male, one female kiskadee
1 Conservation Place	\$150.00
Syracuse, NY 13204	USDA 21-C-040

SALE TO:

Bronx Zoo	One male douroucoulis
2500 Southern Blvd.	\$150.00
Bronx, NY 10460	USDA 21-C-020

DONATION TO:

Adelaide Zoo	Two female siamang
Fromme Road	Donation
Adelaide, South Australia 5000	

Woodland Park	Colony assassin bugs
5500 Phinney Ave. No.	Donation
Seattle, WA 98103	USDA 91-C-001

- C. **GOLDEN GATE PARK - PANHANDLE** **RES. NO. 9705-055**
AWARD OF BID

Discussion and possible action to approve award of bid in the amount of \$104,350 to Watkin & Bortolussi, Inc. for irrigation improvements at the Panhandle.

- D. **10TH AVENUE/FULTON STREET PLAYGROUND RENOVATION** **RES. NO. 9705-056**
AWARD OF BID

Discussion and possible action to approve an award of bid in the amount of \$146,788 to San Luis Gonzaga Construction for renovation of 10th Avenue/Fulton Street Playground.

- E. **SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF GARDENERS (SLUG)** **RES. NO. 9705-057**
PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Discussion and possible action to approve the five-year Personal Services Agreement with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

- F. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 9705-058**

Discussion and possible action to approve payment of claim in the amount of \$9,662.11 to Stacy Lo for an injury at Rossi Pool.

- G. **CAMP MATHER** **RES. NO. 9705-059**
STRAWBERRY MUSIC, INC.
REPAYMENT PLAN

Discussion and possible action to approve repayment plan for outstanding amounts owed the Department for services rendered and materials supplied by the Department during the music festivals at Camp Mather presented by Strawberry Music, Inc.

- H. **CAMP MATHER**
STRAWBERRY MUSIC, INC.
TWO-YEAR PERMIT

Discussion and possible action to approve a two-year permit allowing Strawberry Music, Inc. to (1) present music festivals during the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends in 1997 and 1998 at Camp Mather; and, (2) operate the Camp Store at Camp Mather during the regular camp seasons in 1997 and 1998.

Voted on as a separate item.

- I. **CAMP MATHER** **RES. NO. 9705-060**
STRAWBERRY MUSIC, INC.
RENT REDUCTION

Discussion and possible action to approve a rent reduction for the 1996 Fall Music Festival produced by Strawberry Music, Inc. due to fires at Camp Mather.

- J. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
POLO FIELD
Discussion and possible action approve perimeter fence.

Removed from calendar.

- K. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9705-061**
CALTRANS - REVOCABLE PERMIT

Discussion and possible action to approve a revocable permit to Caltrans for locating traffic signals within Golden Gate Park and traffic detours during the paving of 19th Avenue.

- L. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9705-062**
OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIP

Discussion and possible action to approve a weekend camping trip for 60 youths between the ages of 14-17, May 16-18, 1997 at Anthony Chabot Campground in Hayward, California.

- M. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9705-063**
OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIP

Discussion and possible action to approve a Visitation Valley Latch Key overnight camping trip for 10 children to Memorial Park in San Mateo, California, May 24-25, 1997.

- N. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9705-064**
OVERNIGHT RAFTING TRIP

Discussion and possible action to approve an overnight river rafting trip to the American River with (ICO) Sierra Club, August 9-10, 1997.

- O. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9705-065**
RANDALL MUSEUM'S CAMP MATHER TRIP

Discussion and possible action to approve the Randall Museum's 1997 Camp Mather trip, June 16-20, 1997.

- P. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9705-066**
GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
HEALTHY START COLLABORATIVE

Discussion and possible action to approve the Recreation and Park Department's Letter of Agreement with the George Washington High School Healthy Start Collaborative.

- Q. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9705-067**

Acceptance of the following gifts valued at \$ 69,750.00 for the Recreation and Park Department:

- a. Hillsborough Garden Club, \$ 1,000.00 for the Reforestation Fund
- b. Ms. Gillian Cropp, \$ 5,000.00 for the Reforestation Fund
- c. T. B. Walker Foundation, \$ 3,750.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers
- d. Vivian Wasilik Estate, \$ 50,000.00 for the Orchid Conservation Fund
- e. KORET FOUNDATION, \$ 10,000.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers

GENERAL CALENDAR

- H. CAMP MATHER
STRAWBERRY MUSIC, INC.

RES. NO. 9705-068

REPAYMENT PLAN

Discussion and possible action to approve a two-year permit allowing Strawberry Music, Inc. to (1) present music festivals during the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends in 1997 and 1998 at Camp Mather; and (2) operate the Camp Store at Camp Mather during the regular camp seasons in 1997 and 1998.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two-year permit allowing Strawberry music, Inc. to (1) present music festivals during the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends in 1997 and 1998 at Camp Mather; (2) operate the Camp Store at Camp Mather during the regular camp seasons in 1997 and 1998; and (3) make those technical changes recommended by the City Attorney.

4. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SUNSHINE ORDINANCE 67.11 (A) AS WHETHER TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION.**

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Salinas this Commission voted unanimously to convene in closed session to invoke the attorney client privilege.

Before convening in closed session the following people spoke during public comment on this item.

Ray Romamo spoke in opposition of the cross.

Robert Robowski asked if the sale of land below cross would be open to everyone?

Kate Talbot urged the removal of cross from Mt. Davidson.

Denise La Point, President of the Landmarks Advisory Board in San Francisco stated that the Board had begun a landmarking process. The Board had voted unanimously on this issue. It then goes to the Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors.

5. **CLOSED SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT SECTION 54956.9 (B) AND SUNSHINE ORDINANCE SECTION 67.11.**

The Commission convened in closed session.

6. **OPEN SESSION**

The Commission returned to open session. **Mariam Morley** stated that the Commission was back after closed session and that in regard to Item number six on the calendar, there was no reportable action taken.

7. **On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:**

RES. NO. 9705-069

RESOLVED, That this Commission not disclose at this time the deliberations in closed session and that the deliberations and issues be put on a future calendar.

This motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flunder stated that there would be a special meeting of Recreation and Park Commission on June 5, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. on this issue.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
APPROVAL OF BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1997-98**

RES. NO. 9705-070

Discussion and possible action to approve the San Francisco Zoological Society Budget for Fiscal Year 1997-98.

Commissioner Getty stated that he was advised to obtain on any issues concerning the zoo.

Ernie Prindle presented this item. He stated the management agreement from the Zoological Society as it related to the budget and explained what actions the Commissioners could take. He then explained the budget as presented by the Zoological Society. The estimated revenue was almost \$14 million, which was

\$1 million greater than last year. The estimated expenses were \$14.1 million, which left a deficit of \$180,000. However, the Society expects a state bequest of \$200,000 bringing the budget back into balance. They projected a \$330,000 loss of last year to a projected \$18,000 gain this year.

He also stated some concerns of staff: 1) Board fund-raiser showed an increase of \$1.8 million to a little over \$2.1 million which would be at total increase of 14%, 2) Gate admissions projected to go up by 6%, however the Society only expected a 4% increase in attendance; 3) Retail operations - budget projected an increase from \$ 3.5 million to \$ 4.5 million in retail sales. However, the cost of goods sold would only increase from \$ 2.7 million to \$2.8 million.

Staff recommended that the Commissioner approve the budget but review it in October.

Suzanne Barthell asked if the Ad Hoc Committee had met. **Commissioner Flunder** confirmed that it had. **Suzanne** asked if there were any changes made to the budget as a result of this meeting. **Commissioner Flunder** explained that there were not any changes and that what was determined and discussed at length was that the budget would be revisited on October 15, 1997 to be certain that it is on path. **Suzanne** then stated her concerns some of which were - her thoughts that the assumptions that staff presented were very iffy assumptions to base a budget on, questioned how there could be a \$1 million increase in income when the Society could not make

the current year's budget, concerns about the \$553,000 that is still outstanding to the City, questioned by City operations line, and questioned the Board designated endowment expenditures. Commissioner Flunder stated that Suzanne's letter had been received and that the highlighted issues were considered item by item. She stated that there were some issues which there had been a misunderstanding.

Jim Lazarus, Chief Operating Officer, replied to the concerns. He explained that the increase in the budget was one inflationary and two policy decision to increase marketing campaign and budget for zoo attendance at the gate. Other areas - cost of goods and services. When attendance goes up it costs on the cost side as well as revenue on the revenue side of the budget. Major factor in expense side of budget. Regarding the outstanding reimbursables he stated that was a billing from the Department. The money is on hand in the reserves of the Society awaiting billing from the Department. Regarding Bond campaign funding - it was not in the budget or the current budget. Separate campaign fund. Regards to City operations being \$6.1 million. It was stated this way because financial officer showed the historic traditional City operations expenses that the Department always undertook for the Zoo.

Philip Carlton asked two questions: 1) Where is the The Zoo's IRS 990 Form which was to be available on May 15, 1997? 2) How much is left in the Endowment Fund?

Wayne Reeding stated that he received the IRS 990 Form by Auditors the prior evening and that copies would be made available. In regard to the endowment fund there were two pieces - the restricted endowment fund which had \$1.1 million and designated endowment which had \$1.6 million.

Emeric Kalman, questioned whether the Ad Hoc meeting was public and when it occurred. Commissioner Flunder stated that it occurred the previous Monday, but that it was an informational and clarifying meeting - there was no action taken. Seeking information and clarification in relation to some of the budget items but there was not action taken. Felt that because it was not a public meeting the item should be tabled. Asked if there was any minutes taken. Commissioner Flunder stated again that there was not action taken. Mr. Kalman again requested that the item be tabled.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Society Budget for Fiscal Year 1997-98 on the condition that the Commission reviews year-to-date where it is in October.

This item was passed unanimously.

8. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE, UNION SQUARE, WASHINGTON SQUARE
PLACEMENT OF "BARBARY COAST TRAIL" MARKERS RES. NO. 9705-071**
Discussion and possible action regarding the placement of "Barbary Coast Trail" markers within Portsmouth Square, Union Square and Washington Square.

Deborah Learner presented this item. She stated that it was a request to approve the placement of metal plaques which would be placed in the ground at the entrance to and in specific parts within Portsmouth Square, Union Square and Washington Square to allow people to follow the Barbary Coast Trail. This trail is modeled after the Freedom Trail in Boston. The San Francisco Historical Society has made all the plans for this and are raising the money to do it. They have a resolution from the Board of Supervisors supporting it.

Daniel Bacon from the Historical Society spoke briefly regarding the Barbary Coast Trail and showed the trail to the Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Getty, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the placement of "Barbary Coast Trail" markers within Portsmouth Square, Union Square and Washington Square.

This item was passed unanimously.

**9. SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR RES. NO. 9705-072
REVISION OF 1992 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Discussion and possible action to approve the revision to the 1992 Rules and Regulations of the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor which changes the delinquency period allowed from 50 to 10 days.

Gary Davis, Harbor Master presented this item to the Commission. Currently the time allowed is 75 days, staff requested it be reduced to 35 days. The proposal is for the delinquency period to be reduced from 50 days to 10 days.

Mark Slemmons President of the Harbor Tenants Association spoke in opposition. He felt that this would be an undo burden as they have to pay three months in advance.

Al Cavey, representing the Harbor Tenants and himself spoke in opposition. Asked what was being gained by bringing it from 50 to 10 days. He then explained the procedure again of what the current policy was felt it was unfair for the tenants to have to pay 90 days in advance.

Don Koors spoke in opposition. Suggested that instead of changing the rules that the Department should enforce those rules it currently has. Didn't believe that was happening.

Emeric Kalman, commented 1) that the contract calls for a 30 day - one month security deposit which accumulates interest, 2) canceling a berth for non payment after 10 days when the individual has paid at least 30 days plus the interest is not called for. If the harbor is losing money he did not believe it was because of non payment. Can the Harbor analyze how much rent was lost because of the inefficiency of the Harbor operation? He requested that the decision on this be postponed until this analyses is presented.

Ron de Leon replied to his concerns 1) the vacancy rate on the berths are now less than 2%. 2) With respect to hardship cases - he felt that they could consider hardship cases on a case by case basis. He stated that he believed this new policy to be good.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon stated that she felt this would be good for accounting practices, follow-up, accountability of dollars and management of the Harbor.

Ernestine Weiss asked about the legality issue that Emeric. Kalman brought up. Gary Davis responded that the 50 days was for lien sales.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revision to the 1992 Rules and Regulations of the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor which changes the delinquency period allowed from 50 to 10 days.

This item was passed unanimously.

**RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
PERMIT AND RESERVATION POLICY REVIEW**

RES. NO. 9705-073

Discussion and possible action to approve recommended changes in the Commission's Permit and Reservation Policy.

Joel Robinson presented this item to the Commission. He stated the recommended changes were:

- 1) For all events with an anticipated attendance of 200 person or more, the applicant must provide portable restrooms at the ratio of one restroom for each 200 persons in attendance, at least one fifth of which must meet A.D.A. specifications.
- 2) Potential permittee will be required to submit a non-refundable amount of 25% of the service fee before the application is processed
- 3) Amplified sound may be permitted at Portsmouth Square, for a maximum of four consecutive hours between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.
- 4) Subject to Commission approval, staff may administratively approve requests for modifications of the existing amplified sound policy from community groups conducting community-related events at venues in their respective communities.
- 5) Signage advertising special events is restricted to the event site on the day of the event, only. Signage in parks or other restricted public or private property is prohibited. Disregard for this policy may result in a forfeiture of the Performance Bond to cover the cost of removal of the signs, be liable for liquidated damages in the amount of \$250.00 or (25%) of the total performance bond, whichever is greater and/or a denial of future permits.
- 6) The fee for a non-designated wedding site be set at \$500.00 for a minimum of two hours and \$50.00 for each additional hour. All written requests for non-designated wedding sites must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$50..
- 7) Fee structure for Commercial Events be modified as follows:
\$750.00 flat fee for events of up to 250 participants
\$1, 500.00 flat fee for events of 251 to 1,000 participants
\$300.00 for each additional 500 participants or any portion thereof.
- 8) Fee structure for Athletic Events be modified as follows:
\$300.00 flat fee for up to 500 participants/entrants
\$500.00 flat fee for 501 to 750 participants
\$750.00 flat fee for 751 to 1,000 participants
\$1.00 per participant for over 1,000
An additional \$250.00 fee would be levied on any event requiring road closures, multi-day events, modification of existing amplified sound policy, etc. and any request requiring Commission approval.

On motion of Commissioner Gilford, seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves recommended changes in the Commission's Permit and Reservation Policy.

This item passed unanimously.

**SHARON MEADOW
"GUNS OFF THE STREETS"
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY MODIFICATION**

Discussion and possible action to approve a fenced event and modification of the existing sound policy at Sharon Meadow on Saturday, July 26, 1997, for a "Guns Off the Streets" concert.

This item was taken off calendar.

12. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA/EMBARCADERO** **RES. NO. 9705-074**
SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER
PRIDE CELEBRATION
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY MODIFICATION

Discussion and possible action to approve a two day event and modification of the existing sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza and Embarcadero Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29, 1997, for the 27th Annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration.

Joel Robinson presented this item. He stated that it was a request for the annual event to occur at Justin Herman Plaza with a modification of sound policy. Staff recommendation is to deny the request for modification of sound policy. The Department was in an usual position in that last year the event was approved at Justin Herman Plaza on the condition that it would not be a Justin Herman Plaza again. The promoters informed the Department last year that it would be the last year to request the event there. The reason that the event was being requested there again this year was because there was a conflict at Civic Center Plaza thereby causing the promoters to have to go back to Justin Herman Plaza.

There were complaints from residents in the area last year.

Steve Ellis with the promoter stated that they had not been notified that it would be on calendar. They were approached by the Mayor because of the National Conference of Mayors and asked if they would move their event because of the infrastructure taxation on the City. They then changed the date and again attempted to use Civic Center Plaza only to find out that the Library had Fulton Street, had special claims to it. Out of respect for tourism and their needs, they found out the Embarcadero was free this year.

Golden Gate Commons concerns from last year were: 1) the sound system specifically the base was penetrating through. He guaranteed that would not happen again. They need the space and the sound system; 2) the about inability to communicate with police and parade organizers. They had a command post where police, fire, and health representatives were.

Commissioner Flunder requested confirmation that the promoters were bumped from their original space. Steve Ellis confirmed and stated that they had gone out of their way to help everyone.

Commissioner Gilford stated that he felt that the Commission should stick to the policy.

Ernestine Weiss spoke in opposition to this item. She stated that the experience they had last year was very bad. She stated that she believed four hours between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. would be enough. In addition she would like the sound moved past Market at the other end.

Barney Lane, General Manager of Golden Gateway Center. Would not like to be perceived as being unfriendly. Spent last year as person running interference. Events on Saturday and Sunday were barely bearable. Also discussed was the disco on Sunday. Requested that the event be held elsewhere.

Commissioner Flunder reminded the Commission that the group was bumped from their original location. Their decision to go to Justin Herman Plaza was not an arbitrary decision.

On motion of Commissioner Gilford, seconded by Commissioner Getty and amended Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two day event on the condition that the two hour period for amplified sound be in the middle of the day and denies the group's request for the modification of sound at Justin Herman Plaza and Embarcadero Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 28/29, 1997 for the 27th Annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration.

This item was passed unanimously.

13. **PALACE OF FINE ARTS - EXPLORATORIUM** **RES. NO. 9705-075**
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

Discussion and possible action to approve plans by the Exploratorium for sewer improvements and other interior renovations.

Deborah Learner presented the item. She stated that the item was heard before the Parks and Planning Committee. It includes plans by the Exploratorium for sewer improvements and other interior improvements. It also includes a installation of a new sanitary sewer line along Palace Drive. The need for the sewer was mandated by the Health Department.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves plans by the Exploratorium for sewer improvements and other interior renovations.

This item was passed unanimously.

14. **CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**
STANDARD CONTRACTING PROCEDURES

Presentation of current standard contracting procedures by the Department of Public Works and the Human Rights Commission.

Ernie Prindle gave a brief overview and then introduced Harlan Kelly with the Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Gilford requested that instead of a presentation he would like a definitive plan on how it will be implemented.

Commissioner Salinas stated that one of the reasons he made the LBE and MBE such an issue was because they are not always legitimate. The contractor is out of the City.

Commissioner Flunder stated that the Commission needed to know that their concerns were being heard and that the Human Rights Commission would know that there would be some degree of scrutiny in and around the contracts that come to this Commission.

Staff from the Human Rights Commission thanked the Commission for notifying them and relayed that Trinet Construction was decertified.

15. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MCLAREN LODGE PARK

Discussion and possible action to approve the award of contract to Trinet Construction in the amount of \$588,000 for improvements to McLaren Lodge (disabled access and other infrastructure improvements.)

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission remove Item 15 off calendar.

- 15A. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9705-076**
GROUND SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS
Discussion and possible action to adopt the Bylaws of the Ground Sports Advisory Committee.

Charlene Nichols presented this item to the Commission. The Ground Sports Advisory Committee is made up of a group of citizens who are interested in the Recreation and Park Department, its fields, maintained, scheduled, etc. They would like to give recommendations to the Commission, through staff on those issues. The Department recommends approval.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

That this Commission adopt the Bylaws of the Ground Sports Advisory Committee.

This item was passed unanimously.

16. **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION** **RES. NO. 9705-077**
BY-LAWS
Discussion and possible action to adopt revisions to the Rules of the Recreation and Park Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopt the revisions to the Rules of the Recreation and Park Commission.

17. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Salinas spoke about the shed around the tennis facility, discussed the a park course over there, and discussed enlarging the program he had on round robin tennis.

Larry Trask , congratulated the Commission on the Zoo Budget and discussed problems with staff at the City swimming pools.

Andy Solow, spoke about concerns at Crocker Amazon Athletic field and the renovations hat were to occur but hadn't.

Barney Baron, suggested that when the Commission has an item which requires them to meet in closed session it be calendared for a time specific and complemented the Harding Golf Course.

Philip Marshall spoke on the same problems that Larry Trask discussed regarding the City swimming pools.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**
Commissioner Flunder adjourned the meeting.

There being no further business, the 726th Meeting of the
Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at
5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

It is the mission of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences essential to San Franciscans and visitors.

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1997 - 1:30 P.M.

McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park (Fell and Stanyan Streets)

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 5, 1997 at 1:35 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Reverend Yvette Flunder
Rotea Gilford
William P. Getty
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

Vincent Rovetti

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SUNSHINE ORDINANCE SECTION 67.11 (a) WHETHER TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Getty this Commission voted unanimously to convene closed session to invoke the attorney client privilege.

3. CLOSED SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT SECTION 54956.9 (a) AND SUNSHINE ORDINANCE SECTION 67.11 (b) (1).

The Commission convened in closed session at 1:45 p.m.

4. OPEN SESSION

The Commission returned to open session. Commissioner Friend stated that the Commission was back after closed session and that in regard to Item Number 4 on the calendar, there was no reportable action taken.

5. On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

Ken Hoegger agreed with Jackie Proctor. He also stated that should the cross be demolished there should be a reversal clause where the land will come back to the citizens of San Francisco. He was also concerned about the potential for development.

Reverend Paul Fortier of the San Francisco Christian Center and the African American Community spoke in support of the cross remaining.

Nina Eleweiser spoke in support of the cross remaining. She suggested that the cross and land underneath it be sold and believed open space was extremely important.

Glenn Gullmes the producer of the Easter sunrise service stated that it was important to show respect for history and each others symbols. He stated that the cross was originally dedicated to veterans, was concerned about open space and would like to make sure that the existing lighting standards are included.

Dr. P.T. Mammen representing the Ecumenical Ministries stated that it is their interest to see that religious values do not come into play in dealing with the cross. He stated that people of all faiths should have the right to practice and exercise their religion according to their own convictions. He also stated that because something was a religious symbol doesn't mean that it should be destroyed for the dissatisfaction of or detriment of the people who give so much value to it.

Taemi Molakides spoke in favor of the cross. She stated that the Holy cross means love.

Mitchell Hayward requested that the sale be for only .5 acres, be in a form of a rectangle and include the existing lighting standards so cross can be lit.

Martin Kassman chose not to speak.

Denise La Point, President of the San Francisco Landmarks Preservation and Advisory Board, stated that the Board determined the Mount Davidson cross to be a local landmark. The Board had begun the process. She then urged the Commission to be strong and move forward today.

Reverend Stewart believed that the Landmarks Board had made a tremendous effort to reach a decision to try and satisfy everyone involved - everyone would come out with something. He supported the sale of .5 acres and the continue lighting of the cross.

Carmen Ramirez stated that the State of California had an unique history. Before there was a constitution there was a California, before there was a constitution there was a San Francisco. There were missions that go up and down the coast of California. The State of California and the City of San Francisco were founded by the Spaniards who came with the cross. She suggested that the cross was not a religious symbol but a remnant of that civilization.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission not disclose what was discussed in closed session.
This item was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestine Weiss, representing downtown business spoke against the cross in the park. She stated that as it was a religious symbol and had no place on public land. She did not want City to sell the land to keep the cross.

Karen Hensley stated that she would like to see the property kept as it is.

Jackie Proctor spoke on behalf of herself, Dan Liberthson, Elizabeth Mantley and Friends of Mount Davidson. They supported the cross remaining as well as the park. They would like to be sure that a conservation easement be included, limit the sale to .5 acres, keep as open space, land marking of the cross, and commit to approve access to the traditional Easter services. She also stated that if the new owner sold the cross the land should revert back to City.

Dorothy Diez spoke in favor of keeping the cross.

Richard Hewetson spoke against keeping the cross. He believed it was a sign of torture and non Christian.

Ray Romano spoke against keeping the cross. He believed that it was a symbol of torture and violent death. He understood the land use problem, does not want to see development there, but does want cross removed.

John Hodges with the California Heritage Council spoke about the monument's historical and cultural significance to the people of San Francisco. The Council supported historic easement and maintenance for repairs. They urged the Commission to disapprove the 40 acre sale and instead approve the sale of .5 acres. They also requested that the lighting of cross be allowed - seasonal lighting - as an offset to menorah in Union Square.

Howard Strassner spoke on behalf of the Sierra Club. They were concerned with the open space requirements. He requested that the following conditions be included in any sale: 1) include a strict easement requiring that all of Mount Davidson Park be protected as open space, 2) any future use of land that is sold should have no impact on the remainder of the park, 3) that the terms of the sale be set before the issue gets to the Board of Supervisors, 4) that the minimum amount of land be sold, and 5) all money received for park land would go into the open space acquisition fund or implementation of the natural area management plan.

Edward Malcolm spoke in support of the cross, believed it represents love.

Susan Walima stated that she supported three positions which were already voiced: 1) that of the Sierra Club, 2) that of Miraloma and 3) that of the California Heritage Council. In addition she supported the cross because she believes it is history and should remain San Francisco history as should the Menorah and the Buddha.

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves as a Commission, in consultation with the City Attorney the formulation of a sales proposal for the disposition of a portion of the clearing at the top of Mt. Davidson including the land on which the cross stands not exceed .5 acres and such a sale would be subject to a condition that the land remain open - open space - and available for public use. Such a sale would be contingent upon the Board of Supervisors determination to submit the sale to the voters for their approval and shall be contingent ultimately on the voters approval.

This motion was passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Friend made a motion to adjourn in honor of Commissioner Getty celebrating his birthday.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Friday June 20, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
William Getty
Rotea Gilford
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Commissioner Friend requested that there be a moment of silence for fellow Commissioner Vincent Rovetti followed by a few words in remembrance of Commissioner Rovetti by Commissioner Flunder.

"Creator. God. We are grateful for the opportunity for having known a man that gave so much of his life to the City of San Francisco and particularly to the Recreation and Park Department. There simply was not anyone else who wanted more to be a part of this Commission. It is in his honor and in his memory that we will be even more zealous in our job to serve the citizens of San Francisco and the Recreation and Park Department. Thank you so much, and it is in His many names we pray. Amen."

2. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson gave the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize John Sanders, Gardener at Moscone Recreation Center. Gloria Koch-Gonzalez, Area Supervisor, will make the presentation.

ZOO PRESENTATION

Marla Jurosek, Assistant Zoo Director, will introduce Dr. Eva Sargent, the Zoo's Director of Conservation, who will make a brief presentation on the African lion cub program.

BUDGET HEARING

The Mayor's proposed FY 1997-98 budget for the Recreation and Park Department totals \$77 million in operating expenditures and \$11 million in capital projects, for a total of \$88 million. The Controller has also certified \$3 million in additional revenues which will be generated by the Department next fiscal year. This budget represents an increase of approximately \$1.6 million in expenditures over our FY 1996-97 budget (excluding expenditures for the Zoo which are reimbursed by the Zoological Society). The major increases in expenditures are for worker's compensation, City Attorney costs and fringe benefit adjustments for temporary staff made permanent. Approximately \$300,000 of this increase is directly attributable to program enhancements for Latchkey, Workreation and Late Night Rush. Only four new positions have been funded in the proposed budget for the Open Space Program. These positions are a volunteer coordinator and an in-house renovation staff to perform capital projects planning and design. Several personnel substitutions have been approved. These personnel substitutions provide for the creation of a public information office and a stadium manager.

The Budget Analyst for the Board of Supervisors is recommending reductions to the Department's budget totaling \$1.2 million. These recommendations include elimination of the public information office, elimination of the Assistant Superintendent critical for the Department's reorganization, and a reduction in training, materials and supplies, and contractual services. The Department is in disagreement with the Budget Analyst on several recommendations but will continue to work with the Budget Analyst on these issues.

Although the Budget Analyst recommends reducing the Department's budget, the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee has instructed the Department to report back on additional funding required for program expansions. The Department is submitting a proposal totaling \$1.1 million to expand staffing for Latchkey, Workreation and Late Night Rush in order to improve the safety and supervisory component of these programs as well as to fund a capital assessment study of neighborhood facilities in order to prepare for a future bond measure.

U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is meeting in San Francisco, June 20-24. Mayor Brown will be taking the visiting mayors on a tour of Golden Gate Park on June 23 between 6:00 and 7:30 a.m. They will arrive by bus and disembark at the Conservatory of Flowers. From there, they will walk to the AIDS Memorial Grove, Shakespeare Garden, Japanese Tea Garden and Spreckels Temple of Music, concluding their tour at the Academy of Sciences.

FRANKLIN SQUARE SOCCER FIELD

The Franklin Square Soccer Field Renovation Project—a Recreation and Park Department project funded by the Park and Open Space Fund under the direction of the Department of Public Works—has been completed. The work was performed by Bauman Landscape, Inc. The total cost of the project was approximately \$680,000 including design, construction, construction management, and equipment purchases.

The renovation of the soccer field included the expansion of a substandard size field and the replacement of the existing blue grass turf with a combination of Bermuda sod overseeded with rye grass for greater durability. Subsurface drainage was installed, the irrigation system was upgraded, and the field was converted to a sand-based field for superior drainage. Disabled access improvements, including an accessible ramp from 17th Street, new paths, and

handrails for existing staircases were constructed. New fencing was also installed. New mowers and other equipment to maintain the field have been purchased. A new restroom building is also planned for the park.

All Commissioners are invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new field, located at 17th and Bryant Streets, on June 28 at 9:00 a.m. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Mission Youth Soccer League will kick off their soccer season for under-six year olds and under-eight year olds.

PLANNERS EXCHANGE

The Recreation and Park Department will be hosting approximately 15 planners from three major cities--Vancouver, B.C., Portland and Seattle--to discuss planning and operations issues that we have in common. Each year, park planners and Department staff gather on an informal basis to discuss topics that may vary from skateboarding to permits, capital needs assessment to fundraising, volunteer programs to master planning. Planners will tour park facilities. We all expect to learn from, as well as share information with, our sister cities.

ZOO NEWS

Proposition C—the Zoo Bond—passed with 66.9% of the vote. Design for the first elements of rebuilding the Zoo will begin soon.

The new African lion cub exhibit opened on May 22 with a press preview and Joe Montana. Both cubs are on exhibit and will be introduced soon to a new female who arrived last week.

Three snow leopards were born on May 16 and are now starting to peek their heads up from the nestbox. We expect their mother to bring them from the nestbox to the exhibit in another couple of weeks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 28, 1997	Franklin Square Soccer Field Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony; 9:00 a.m.; 17 th & Bryant Streets
Tuesday, July 1, 1997	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, July 2, 1997	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour); 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo
Friday, July 4, 1997	Independence Day Holiday
Tuesday, July 8, 1997	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

Suzanne Barthell spoke regarding the Aye Aye exhibit design. She stated that the height was not adequate. She handed out an article regarding Aye Ayes and lemurs. She stated that Aye Aye's are extremely high arboreal animals which need outdoor access. She also stated that the San Francisco climate is not right for them. They need high height. Her understanding was that eight feet was planned where the nocturnal exhibit was under the primate center and asked if any outdoor access was planned. Ms. Jurosek answered that there wasn't any planned in the nocturnal area. She requested that the design be reconsidered keeping in mind the Aye Aye's special needs and that they are endangered.

Commissioner Flunder asked if Dr. Sargent in her estimation was the habitat and design equitable. She stated that she believed it was. Dr. Simons, one of the foremost Aye Aye researchers, had come out, had seen the exhibit, knows the plan and thinks it is fine.

Peter Boyer requested that it is clarified that the gifts from the Randall Museum Society are for use of the Randall Museum specifically.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolutions were adopted:

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9706-081**
Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the May 15, 1997 Commission Meeting and the Special Meeting of June 5, 1997.
- B. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 97060-082**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

PURCHASE FROM:

African Game Services	1 male, 1 female lion
Plot #90 De Rust	\$7,000
Brits, South Africa	

African Game Services	1 female lion
Plot #90 De Rust	\$3,500
Brits, South Africa	

SALE TO:

Oakland Zoo	1 male kookaburra (bird)
Box 5238	\$ 150
Oakland, CA 94605	USDA 93-C-005

DONATION FROM:

Bay Area Turtle Rescue	1 male California Desert Tortoise
20038 Butterfield Drive	Donation
Castro Valley, CA 94540	

- C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9706-083**
AYE AYE PROJECT - APPROVAL OF DESIGN
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of the Design and Budget for the Aye Aye Project.
- D. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9706-084**
APPROVAL OF ARGONNE PLAYGROUND FAMILY CAMPING TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Argonne Playground Family Camping Trip, July 18-20, 1997 to the Samuel P. Taylor State Park in Marin County.
- E. **PALACE OF FINE ARTS** **RES. NO. 9706-085**
APPROVAL OF TOUR BUS REGULATIONS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves tour bus regulations.
- F. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9706-086**
APPROVAL OF CAMP MATHER CAMPING TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Gilman Playground Summer Youth Program Camp Mather mid-week overnight camping trip for youth 9-12 years of age, July 8-11, 1997.
- G. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA PLAYGROUND** **RES. NO. 9706-087**
ACCEPTANCE OF SETTLEMENT AWARD
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an acceptance of settlement award in the amount of \$250,000 for the construction of the playground in Civic Center Plaza.
- H. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9706-088**
PAYMENT OF CLAIM FOR TREE DAMAGE - MOSCONE CENTER
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves payment in the amount of \$7,042.21 to Myrtle Coleman for damages to her automobile caused by a tree failure at Moscone Recreation Center.
- I. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9706-089**
PAYMENT OF CLAIM FOR PERSONAL CLAIM
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the payment in the amount of \$20,000 to Cora P. Hughes for personal injuries suffered during a trip and fall in Golden Gate Park.
- J. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9706-090**
AWARD OF BID FOR RESTROOMS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an award of bid to M.H. Construction in the amount of \$517,700 for the rehabilitation of restrooms in Golden Gate Park, McLaren Park and Gilman Playground.
- K. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9706-091**
RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$ 73,000.00 for the Recreation and Park Department:
- a. From the Randall Museum Society, \$21,000.00 for the Lobby Desk
 - b. From the Randall Museum Society, \$40,000.00 for the Earthquake Exhibit
 - c. From IBM, computer, touch-screen monitor and printer valued at \$5,000.00
 - d. From the Randall Museum Society, \$7,000.00 for Seawater Aquarium For Animal Room.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **CROCKER AMAZON PLAYGROUND APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN**

Discussion and possible action to approve a conceptual plan to locate and construct a skateboard facility.

Marvin Yee presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the Board of Supervisors had committed to provide skateboard facilities throughout San Francisco. The Excelsior District was a neighborhood identified as a high need for a facility and specifically Crocker Amazon Playground which is located between Geneva and Moscow Streets and contiguous with McLaren Park.

A temporary skateboard structure had been at Moscow Street but had been removed. A community meeting was held to discuss a location for a permanent skateboard facility. Over 300 notices were sent out including those to the 58 residences across the street from Crocker Amazon Playground. Community residences, skateboard enthusiasts, and members or representatives of their organizations including the Excelsior Youth Club, the New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, Friends of McLaren Park and the Native Plant Society were in attendance.

The location chosen by the community was along the eastern edge of Crocker Amazon Playground, north of an existing parking lot. The major element of the skateboard facility would be a 4'-5' deep, subsurface bowl, similar to the design of a swimming pool. Other facility elements include an 8' high chain link fence on all sides, landscape buffer and curb/seat walls.

This location was chosen due to its distance from homes, the potential for a deeper bowl design and minimal impact upon existing uses.

Jymi Shores with the Excelsior Youth Club stated that he had participated in the planning or organization of the skateboard facilities from the start including the temporary facilities. He witnessed first hand the results of over 1850 participants of skateboarders throughout the City. He believed this would open up a lot more area for them to express themselves. He then thanked Marvin Yee, Elaine Molinari, and Joel Robinson for all of their work.

Jim Espinoza, President of the Excelsior Youth Club, spoke in favor of the facility and stated that this was probably the biggest thing that could happen to the Excelsior community in regard to skateboarding.

Karen Carlson stated that she was attending on behalf of Supervisor Michael Yaki. The consensus of the Board was to give children in the City an alternative place to skate and urged that the Commission support the skateboard facility. She complimented the skaters and the children on their professional approach to the Members of the Board.

Jeanna Haney, representing the property homeowners on Geneva Avenue asked that the Commission delay final approval of this item until the environmental impact report was done. She thanked Marvin Yee for all of his efforts in listening and addressing her concerns. However, she was still concerned about the effect that the facility would have on the neighborhood.

Cameron Bohannon spoke in support of the facility.

Commissioner Flunder stated that if there was a lot of skateboarding going on in the neighborhood that was problematic for the residents, it would be suitable to put the facility there so that the skateboarding that is going up and down the street and stairs would not exist anymore. She also felt that there should be an understanding with the skateboarders that there would be certain privileges and if these were not honored, then this facility would cease to exist and this facility would become something else in terms of open space. She felt there should be certain assurances to residents that certain kinds of activities would not exist.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked if there was staff in that area to monitor the activities.

Joel Robinson replied that there was staff in the area but not at that playground. However, the Department could put staff there a certain amount of time to make sure that everyone is following the prescribed guidelines both inside and outside the park.

Commissioner Getty asked if it was currently an active neighborhood for skateboarding and if so where did they skate. Joel replied that there was not a facility at this point.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9706-092

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a conceptual plan to locate and construct a skateboard facility at Crocker Amazon Playground.

5.

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

REMOVAL OF FOUNTAIN AND REPLACEMENT WITH LAWN

Informational presentation regarding Civic Center Plaza, and discussion and possible action to approve the removal of the Civic Center fountain and its replacement with lawn.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the item had been heard before the Parks and Planning Committee and was forwarded to the full Commission. Plans and discussions have been occurring to provide a long range improvement plan for Civic Center Plaza which included the re-creation of the historic Mozart design. The Commission had taken previous actions which have moved in that direction. Included in the backup information were resolutions which included guidelines for the Civic Center Plaza and its eventual restoration. The total renovation would incorporate the fountain's removal and where the main access to the Civic Center would be restored. That would cost about \$13 million. This item was specific to the removal of the fountain. This would be an interim improvement that would restore a better opportunity for events to be held in the Plaza. Under the existing condition the fountain occupies the main parade route up to City Hall. Problems had occurred constricting and inhibiting public access.

Commissioner Friend asked her to define "removal of the fountain". Deborah stated that the water feature would be removed, the sides of the fountain would be dismantled and a lawn area would be put in place. It would be almost be like a lawn carpet with concrete diamonds through out the space. It would be open for people to be able to walk in that area. She introduced John Thomas, the designer from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Architecture and Evan Rose with City Planning who were in attendance.

Staff worked with a budget of \$200,000 that would be primarily through Open Space Funds. The work would be done primarily in-house. She stated that the Department was considering additional lighting in certain areas. It was an interim improvement but believed it would open up and enhance its current use with an eye to the future while keeping with the

design guidelines which were adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission as well as the City Planning Commission.

Peter Seidel spoke in support of the item. He also stated that this interim period would be an opportunity to test some of the potential use of the space for the future. This test could then inform the design work which will go on.

Emeric Kalman asked if the meeting was recorded. He then stated that there was a meeting on this item held on June 3, 1997 with minimal backup. He stated that at that meeting he requested staff and the Commission to come forward with the master plan or general plan. There was nothing in the file. He called more than once and was there the previous day to review the file for this Commission meeting. He felt there was basically nothing. He stated that the voters rejected the bond measure in 1992 because they were not shown what the Recreation and Park Department or the City had in mind. He also stated that the Planning Commission approved a document in 1995 which he did not see in the file. He asked that this item either be tabled or postponed due to the lack of information.

Commissioner Friend commented that he was given a note which stated that the resolutions in the Commissioner's binders were mailed to him and that he was always welcome to come to the office anytime and review the files.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked if there was information in addition to what was in the presentation that had not been made available. Deborah Learner replied that there was a recent hearing at the Board of Supervisors that discussed the plans for the Civic Center area and as part of that there was a newspaper article. She felt that there had been a fair amount of public information and that all along there had been a desire through City departments and the Mayor's office to try and provide improvements to Civic Center Plaza. This item had been part of it, there had been no lack of information about Civic Center Plaza.

Commissioner Flunder asked Mr. Kalman if he received a copy of the resolutions which the Commissioners received, specifically Resolution # 14312 of 3/20/86. He stated he had received it the day before. She then asked if apart and separate from the bond issue passing or failing, was this a resolution made by the Recreation and Park Commission? Deborah replied that was correct and it had predated the issue of the bond. Commissioner Flunder noted that regarding the resolution that was approved in 1986, using open space funds for this project, on page 24, Item 8 of that resolution it stated "to replace the center reflecting pool with fountains flanking the central concourse space. The design replacement of the fountain shall be an original design." She asked how that resolution related to the item. Deborah stated that there were several resolutions. The first resolution were the guidelines to the restoration of the plaza. Subsequent resolutions specifically addressed interim improvements including the removal of the fountain as an interim measure. In the long term plan, the central fountain would be removed and eventually there would be smaller fountains on either side of the main access way. That is what the guidelines are directing future improvements toward.

Commissioner Getty asked if it would be less expensive to take care all of the fountain work at once. Deborah stated that the Department didn't have more than the budgeted funds of \$200,000.

Commissioner Flunder stated that she was not dissatisfied with the process. Commissioner McArdle-Solomon agreed. However, she was concerned that Emeric does receive the information he needed.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Getty, the following resolution was approved.

RES. NO. 9706-093

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the removal of the Civic Center fountain and its replacement with lawn.

This item was unanimously approved.

6. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Informational presentation of an update on First Phase of the Roadway and the Plaza.

Deborah Learner presented this item. In October of 1996, the Recreation and Park Commission approved the conceptual plan for the improvements to Justin Herman Plaza, Embarcadero Park and Ferry Plaza, in conjunction with the major improvements that will take place on the Embarcadero Roadway. The project spans many City jurisdictions including the Port, Department of Public Works, MUNI and the Recreation and Park Department.

She stated that presently design development plans and construction documents were being prepared for the first phase improvements which include the roadway in front of the Ferry Building, the Embarcadero Roadway Plaza and edge improvements to the Justin Herman Plaza and Ferry Park. The project is scheduled to be out to bid in September 1997. The construction was expected to start in February or March, 1998. The construction duration would be approximately 2 ½ years. During that time, many events that would be scheduled for the Justin Herman Plaza area would need to be relocated. Also, in conjunction with this project, several existing trees would be removed but replaced with new trees. The Department of Public Works and the Recreation and Park Department would provide ample notification in advance of the project by posting those trees slated for removal. The award of the bid would be calendared before the Recreation and Park Commission, probably in November.

Carl Maletic of DeMars & Maletic, Urban Planners spoke about his concerns with all the grass, trees, benches and sidewalks south of Market being removed and nothing planned for its replacement. Deborah showed the area which would be a grass lawn. In the Master Plan it could be developed in the future. The roadway edge will be modified. The trees will be removed and replaced with palm trees. The area will not be left untouched, but it won't be a grand development. Carl stated that if one were to look at it today, one would see it is beautiful, there is a hill, grass, benches, statues and trees. If the Commission votes on this it would be removed.

Commissioner Flunder stated that there seemed to be confusion on whether this plan had been approved by the Commission. Deborah stated that she understood that the Commission has adopted this concept plan. Once the concept is adopted, staff would proceed with plans and specs. She offered to work with Mr. Maletic to walk him through the design development. Commissioner Flunder concept plan specifically relates to leveling off the area. Deborah stated that was correct. In the first phase for which funds were available it would be an open lot area.

Commissioner Friend requested that Joel go and look at the area that was being discussed.

Eula Walters stated that she did not to have the DeYoung Museum moved into that area. Commissioner Friend stated that Mayor Brown was looking at the Terminal Building for the museum. She asked that the trees not be removed and replaced by palm trees.

7. **MARINA GREEN DEGAUSSING STATION**
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE FROM CONDITIONS
OF REVOCABLE PERMIT

Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for Release from Conditions of Revocable Permit of Marina Green Degaussing Station.

This item was removed from calendar.

8. **PIONEER PARK**
APPROVAL OF DESIGN FOR DONOR RECOGNITION TILES

Discussion and possible action to approve the design of Donor Recognition Tiles for the Renovation of Pioneer Park.

Tim Lillyquist presented this item to the Commission. He stated that last September the Recreation and Park Commission approved the re-design for Pioneer Park.

At the time of that presentation, it was stated that the design committee would return to the Commission with a plan for on-site acknowledgment of financial contributors to the project. Currently the project was being funded by the Open Space Fund Committee, DPW and funds raised by the community. It has been a remarkable example of public private partnership. He stated that the presentation given today would show how this donor recognition would be done by using engravable stone tiles on the risers of the new stairs to be constructed in the park. The sponsors would be able to purchase a tile at a cost of \$500/tile, which would have their names inscribed on them. There would be 525 tiles. Also there writing would be limited to names. He then showed the Commission samples of these tiles.

The concept had also been approved by the Arts Commission.

Commissioner Friend commented that this had been done at both the Zoo and Huntington Park.

Commissioner Getty asked how the group came up with the \$500 price.

Ann Halsted stated that a group of about 30 people tried to come up with a price. The \$500 was the middle ground.

On motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9706-094

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the design of Donor Recognition Tiles for the Renovation of Pioneer Park.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Discussion and possible action to approve a supplemental appropriation of Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond funds in the amount of \$26,000,000.

Deborah Learner presented this item. In the regular budget process this Commission approved funding of the infrastructure fund bond of \$30 million. The mayor's office asked that this be done as a supplemental appropriation instead of through the regular budget process. Essentially the request for capital funds had already been heard before the Commission and approved.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon stated that the items being discussed already had been discussed and Deborah confirmed this.

Commissioner Flunder stated that there had been a discussion of this item in the Finance Committee and they chose not to put it on the consent calendar because of the need to understand the process that the Commission would have to do as it relates to the appropriated large dollar items. The Commission would have to approve them separate from the regular budget each time.

Deborah explained that it was not part of the operating budget but part of the capital budget. The Mayor's office wanted it pulled out of the regular budget so that it is a more realistic budget. She stated that this item was part of the zone map. The Park is divided into 51 contract zones. She handed out a list of those projects which would be going through the Commission from the year 1997 to the year 2000. The infrastructure program is part of the Master Plan.

Emeric Kalman stated that it had been five years since the citizens of San Francisco approved passage of the bond measure and that he believed basically not much had been done because the Planning Department and the Planning Commission didn't review and approve the plans. He then asked if money was going to be spent because we had the money to spend. He asked where the approval of the EIR was and where it was approved by the Commission and the Board of Supervisors to spend this amount of money. He then stated what the citizens had approved in the bond measure. He asked how many of the restrooms were in good order and believed that it shouldn't take five years to go through studies for the restrooms. He also stated that what was spent on studies and how much will be spent on the planning should be in file.

Deborah responded that the Commission had received reports on expenditures of bond funds, that the planning for all the water supply distribution was very elaborate and did take several years. It was very comprehensive and had been done and now the larger contracts are going through.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon stated that the last five years have been a lot of planning and assessment and now the work is starting and this is the funding.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9706-095

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a supplemental appropriation of Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond funds in the amount of \$26,000,000.

**10. CAMP MATHER PACK AND SADDLE STATION
APPROVAL OF HOLDOVER FOR CURRENT LEASE**

Discussion and possible action to approve a month-to-month holdover for the current lease.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. This lease expired in 1995. Since that time the Department has been continuing it as a month to month. Staff would use this year to assess whether to continue with this program as the Department has not made any money. Staff recommends approval of this item.

Commissioner Friend stated that this is a very costly operation with the insurance and asked what the insurance was. Ernie replied that it cost the Department \$3,000.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9706-096

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a month-to-month holdover for the current lease.

11. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
APPROVAL OF NEW LOGO

Discussion and possible action to approve the new logo for the Randall Museum.

Amy Dawson with the Randall Museum presented this item and requested the Commission approve the new logo.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9706-097

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the new logo for the Randall Museum.

12. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA/ EMBARCADERO PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER
PRIDE CELEBRATION
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY MODIFICATION

Discussion and possible action to approve a two day event and modification of the existing sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza and Embarcadero Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29, 1997, for the 27th Annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration.

Joel Robinson presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this item had been heard the previous month before the Commission and that the approval was modified from the request. There was a subsequent meeting with the organizers and believed that a compromise had been reached.

Dean Goodwin with the Mayor's office presented the compromise. He addressed a letter from Barney Lane of Golden Gateway Center and stated that the main concern was the disco stage. That stage has been moved. The sound permit before the Commission was for the main stage. On that stage would be mainly community speakers, family presentations, members of the Board of Supervisors, a low key stage. The original request was 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., it had been narrowed down to 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. He requested the Commission consider the letter and approve the modification of sound.

Commissioner Friend commented that the letter stated six hours, but that Dean was requesting eight hours.

Commissioner Flunder suggested that Mr. Lane send a note stated that he was clear that the modification was for eight hours. She suggested that the Commission vote on the modification of sound from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. contingent upon receiving a letter from the community stating that the eight hours would be acceptable, then the Commission would approve the 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9706-098

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two day event and modification of the existing sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza and Embarcadero Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29, 1997 for the 27th Annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration. The hours approved would be 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. unless a letter from the community stating that eight hours would be acceptable is received, then the time approved would be from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Friend asked Commissioner Getty to chair and Commissioner Salinas to serve on the Master Plan Task Force.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Mills, M.D. representing the Noe Court Dog Owners spoke in opposition of the closure of Noe Courts to dog owners. He asked that the Commission delay the decision on the use of Noe Courts until the Commission could be heard as an agenda item. The Committee would like to have an open process to discuss this.

Commissioner Flunder suggested that the Department look into dog runs, areas which are completely fenced in so that dogs may run.

Robert Guerin spoke in opposition of the closure of Noe Courts to dog owners.

Peter Boyer discussed the replica of a 1906 earthquake shack at the Randall Museum. He stated that prior to Commissioner Salinas being appointed to the Commission he had been extremely helpful in securing donations of materials and labor for this shack. He then passed photographs of the earthquake shack around.

John Laskin complained about staff regarding road closures. Commissioner Friend explained that he had just appointed Commissioner Getty to chair the Master Plan Task Force of Golden Gate Park including road closures and the meetings which will be holding public meetings.

Kirsten Nicholson spoke in opposition of the closure of Noe Courts to dog owners. She stated that they were requesting to be heard and a chance for a compromise.

Emeric Kalman just had a meeting about water issues for the upcoming \$1.5 million project. Water is very important. He discussed the water project by the PUC. He stated that it is not in agreement with water issue of the Golden Gate Master Plan. The documentation stated that there were technical differences. He thanked the Commission for creating the Master Plan Task Force and asked when the first meeting would occur.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Friend adjourned the meeting in honor of Commissioner Gilford.

There being no further business, the ⁷~~727th~~ Meeting
of the Recreation and Park Commission was
adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary

4/31/97

Special

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting

Thursday, July 31, 1997 - 2:00 p.m.

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The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 31, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
William P. Getty
Gordon Chin
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

Rotea J. Gilford

Commissioner Friend introduced Ken Garcia with the San Francisco Chronicle. Commissioner Friend said that he felt the Commission was indebted to him as he brought to their attention, the mistakes of their predecessors. He stated that he believed some of the facts in the series on Golden Gate Park were incorrect but also stated that he believed Mr. Garcia was very fair in finding the faults that preceded this Commission and pointing those out. He stated that the Commission would work as hard as it could to make Golden Gate Park one of the great parks of the country. He requested Mr. Garcia's help in writing out the good things that come out of it and to encourage the public to help.

Commissioner Flunder stated that she came onto the Commission aware of a number of things that needed to be done and aware of how from a very realistic and sober standpoint that it can not all be done today. This Commission inherited some issues that exist in the physical park system but the need to restructure the Department. She felt that the Commission was headed in a positive direction, looking at issues case-by-case. The Commission was seeking to do two things simultaneously 1) to repair things that exist and 2) to take care of certain systems don't cause the same kind of problem.

Commissioner Chin stated that he had read the article. He thought it was very thorough, fair, and liked the tone of it. It was reflective on the neglect and how the park is taken for granted. He stated that he thought it would set a foundation for collection solutions and efforts to make this the best park.

2. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Tim Chee, Recreation Director. Shawna McGrew, Assistant Recreation Supervisor, will make the presentation.

NEW STAFF

I am pleased to introduce several new staff members:

Carol Tatum, Executive Assistant to the General Manager, is the former Executive Director of Young Community Developers, an employment/training, job readiness agency in San Francisco. Ms. Tatum has a variety of experience working with city, state and federal agencies, community based organizations, education institutions, unions and the business community. She has worked with both youth and adults in citywide geographically and ethnically diverse consortiums and collaborations. Ms. Tatum has administrative/management, budgetary and programmatic experience. She looks forward to being an asset to the Recreation and Park Department using her talents and skills.

Michael Lum, Senior Personnel Analyst, comes to the Recreation and Park Department from the Department of Parking and Traffic, where he worked in the human resources division since the department's inception in 1990. In addition, he has worked in the human resources division in other City departments since 1985. Mr. Lum brings a wealth of experience in a variety of areas.

Lisa Wayne, Restoration Team Leader, received her masters degree in Conservation Biology from San Francisco State University. Ms. Wayne's background includes teaching at universities and community colleges, working for an environmental consulting firm and working at the Presidio with volunteers in the management of natural areas. Ms. Wayne will be implementing site specific management plans and leading restoration efforts in our department's significant natural resource areas. As part of these restoration efforts, she will be developing a volunteer community-based stewardship program.

Jaci Fong, Principal Administrative Analyst, has worked for the Purchasing Department for the past three years as the senior purchaser assigned to the Recreation and Park Department. Prior to working for the City, she worked in the computer industry. Ms. Fong will supervise our department's Property Management Division.

Christina Locke, assistant to the Commission Secretary, has worked for the Small Business Exchange newspaper for the past eight years as an accounting clerk. She will be assisting Margaret with the day to day activities.

Please join me in welcoming these new employees.

BUDGET UPDATE

The Board of Supervisors has completed its budgetary review of the Recreation and Park Department's budget. The Finance Committee adopted budget reductions totaling \$360,228. However, an additional \$1,303,960 was added back to the budget for a net budget increase of \$943,732. This budget increase is in addition to those items already funded by the Mayor's Office, such as a public information office and an increase for workers compensation.

This budget increase will fund the following activities:

- Capital assessment study for \$300,000 will be completed for a future bond measure for neighborhood facilities.

- The Latch Key Program will be increased by \$677,418. Ten more Latch Key sites will be added along with ten Recreation Directors, and the supervisory component of the program will be enhanced.
- The Workrecreation Program will be increased by \$150,000, enabling 180 additional youths (30 youths every eight weeks) to enter the program.
- The Late Night Rush Program will be increased by \$176,542. Five Recreation Directors will be added to provide one full-time staff dedicated entirely to each of the Late Night sites. This staffing increase will complement the existing staff which are reallocated to conduct the Late Night Rush Program.

GOLDEN GATE PARK – PANHANDLE AREA GROUND WATER REMEDIATION

Beginning July 17, Cambria Environmental Technology, Inc. will drill five soil borings (two inches in diameter) and install oxygen releasing compounds on park property across the street from a former Shell Service Station near the Golden Gate Park Panhandle (in the vicinity of Fell and Stanyan Streets). Two monitoring wells (four inches in diameter) have already been installed on park property in the same area. The purpose of the borings and monitoring wells is to remediate hydrocarbon concentrations and/or other potentially toxic substances in underlying ground water. Shell Oil Products Company is required to perform this work by the Department of Public Health (Local Oversight Program) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Once the work is completed, the borings and wells will be filled and the surface area restored. The remediation method or *Corrective Action Plan* proposed by Cambria Environmental Technology was approved by the Department of Public Health. Recreation and Park Department staff worked with the City Attorney's Office to prepare and issue a permit for this activity. Although it is expected that the monitoring wells and borings will have minimal impact to park property, the permit requires Shell to restore any damaged areas to their previous condition.

TREASURE ISLAND MARINA

The Mayor's Office has asked the Recreation and Park Department to assist the Treasure Island Project by providing management services for the small marina on Treasure Island effective August 1, 1997.

We are currently preparing a memorandum of understanding which will include provisions for Yacht Harbor staff to perform billing and collections, berth assignments, routine maintenance, dock checks and additional duties as needed. Additional features in the agreement will be documentation requirements for the reimbursement for time and materials expended and a schedule of payment to the Recreation and Park Department for performance of these services. The additional duties are not expected to have any significant impact on the quality of service provided to the San Francisco Marina. We are also working with the Treasure Island Project to assume horticultural maintenance of the Island and to issue permits for recreational activities. We anticipate presenting this memorandum of understanding to the Commission for approval in August.

ZOO NEWS

The third African lion cub was received and she is being introduced to the other male and female. A ring-tail lemur was born and can be seen in the exhibit with her baby riding on her back.

A Chinese delegation from various zoos in China visited the San Francisco Zoo for a curatorial tour.

Barbara Kempton, formerly with the San Francisco Art Institute, has been hired as the Zoo's new Capital Campaign Director.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, August 6, 1997

Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour);

5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo

Thursday, August 7, 1997

Finance and Administration Committee;
3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder and seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolutions were adopted:

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO. 9707-099
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the minutes of the June 30, 1997 meeting.
- B. ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARTICIPATION NURSERY SCHOOL RES. NO. 9707-100
APPROVAL OF LEASE OPTION
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves granting the third of four one-year options to the current lease between Rocky Mountain Participation Nursery School and the City and County of San Francisco.
- C. RAINBOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL RES. NO. 9707-101
APPROVAL OF TWO-YEAR PERMIT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two-year permit between Cusack-Bauer & Cusack (dba: Rainbow Montessori School) and the City and County of San Francisco for the operation of a nursery school at the McCoppin Square Clubhouse.
- D. GLENRIDGE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL RES. NO. 9707-102
APPROVAL OF ONE-YEAR PERMIT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one-year Permit, with a 12-month notice period, between Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School and the Recreation and Park Department for the operation of a nursery school at the Silvertree Building in Glen Canyon.
- E. CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO RES. NO. 9707-103
JOHN ADAMS CAMPUS - CHILD OBSERVATION PROGRAM
APPROVAL OF ONE-YEAR PERMIT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one-year permit between City College of San Francisco and the City and County of San Francisco for the operation of a child observation nursery school program at the Laurel Hill Playground Clubhouse.
- F. WAWONA CLUB HOUSE RES. NO. 9707-104
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of \$243,800 to Wing Wong for improvements to the Wawona Clubhouse.
- G. TENDERLOIN PRESCHOOL SITE RES. NO. 9707-105
ACQUISITION
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the acquisition of 209 Hyde Street (Lot 3 in Assessor's Block 336) as open space.

- H. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 9707-106
MC LAREN LODGE ZONE - APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Interstate/MH, Joint Venture in the amount of \$662,200 for improvements to McLaren Lodge (disabled access and other infrastructure improvements).
- I. HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER RES. NO. 9707-107
APPROVAL OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT SHADOW IMPACT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a finding of no significant shadow impact on the Hamilton Recreation Center by proposed Scott Street Senior Housing Complex.
- J. MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY RES. NO. 9707-108
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a waiver of service fee and denies a modification of the existing sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Saturday, July 26, 1997, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m., for a Christian Worship Rally, sponsored by the New Life Christian Church.
- K. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9707-109
PAYMENT OF CLAIM FOR GOLF BALL INJURY
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a payment in the amount of \$12,000 to Delcey Watkins for injuries from a golf ball at Lincoln Park.
- L. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 9707-110
RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at \$24,800 for the Recreation and Park Department:
1. From US Croquet Association of Northern California, \$3,300.00 for GGP Maintenance
 2. From SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, \$7,500.00 for Neighborhood Parks Fund
 3. From the Sarah and William Hambrecht Foundation, \$10,000.00 for Alta Plaza Park
 4. From Pacific Gas & Electric, \$4,000.00 for the Beach Chalet Workreation program.
4. CIVIC CENTER PLAY AREA, PHASE II
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT
Discussion and possible action to approve the award of contract to Bay Hawk, Inc. in the amount of \$347,158 for construction of Civic Center Play Area, Phase II.
- Deborah Learner, park planner, presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the Civic Center Play Area, Phase II was approved by the Commission in December 1995. It was also approved by the Landmarks Board, supported by the community and the Mayor's office.
- She explained that Bay Hawk, Inc. was a minority owned, woman-owned and local business enterprise. The Department had not had direct experience in working with Bay Hawk, Inc. They were apparent low bidder on the installation of the Civic Center Play Area, Phase II.
- Liz Wilson a mother and a member of Civic Center Playground Coalition spoke in support of this item.
- Jackie Spencer Davis, member of Civic Center Playground Coalition also spoke in support of this item.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Chin the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9707-111

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the award of contract to Bay Hawk, Inc. in the amount of \$347,158 for construction of Civic Center Play Area, Phase II.

5. LAKE MERCED SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT

AWARD OF CONTRACT

Discussion and possible action to approve the Award of Contract of the Lake Merced Shoreline Restoration Project.

Marvin Yee presented this item to the Commission. Lake Merced is located in the southwest quadrant of San Francisco. It is under the jurisdiction of the Water Department. However, the Recreation and Park Department has jurisdiction to manage the land surrounding the lake bodies and to provide recreational amenities.

Access had become unsafe due to hazardous conditions caused by severe erosion. The erosion was attributed to poor drainage design and low lake levels. The three fishing piers were destabilizing and wood retaining walls collapsing. The project was being expedited due to these existing public hazards. Furthermore, the California Coastal Commission had restricted the construction period from June 1st to avoid the nesting period to October 15th to avoid excessive sedimentation during the rainy season.

On January 16, 1997, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a conceptual improvement plan to restore the south shore of North Lake, due to hazardous conditions caused by severe erosion.

Plans and specifications were prepared and distributed for bids. The base bid improvements included grading and drainage design, restoration of the shoreline grade, replacement of wood retaining walls with boulder rip rap, and removal of two fishing piers. Universal access would be provided onto the remaining fishing pier and onto the shoreline with new pathways.

Alternate 1 bid items included site furnishings, such as trash receptacles, picnic tables, drinking fountain and signage. Alternate 2 bid items included cobblestone paving in medians.

The bids received ranged from \$494,711 to \$828,768 for base bid items. Due to preference points as a minority-business enterprise and local-business enterprise, Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc., was the apparent lowest bidder with a base bid of \$507,100.

The staff recommended approval of the award of contract for the base bid and Alternate 1, contingent upon Human Rights Commission verification.

Don Black, spoke in support of this item.

Carmen Ramirez spoke in opposition of the item. She stated that the shoreline was a lake bottom and that the lake was down 26 feet. She stated that Mr. Moran said the aquifer was damaged and that this lake would never go up 26 feet. She felt that the concessionaires be supportive of the project as it would benefit them. She also said that her understanding was that the concessionaires' lease was predicated on the water level. If the water level does not go up then they would not have to pay rent and that they were not currently paying rent. She felt that if the Recreation and Park Department would work with the Public Utilities Commission to solve the problem, there would be no shoreline project as it was lake bottom and no unnecessary expenditures.

Commissioner Flunder stated that any areas which were hazardous and were accessible to the public be closed off until construction was completed as people could get hurt.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon asked Joel Robinson the confirm that the Commission was not dealing with the water level issue at the meeting but the safety issue. Joel confirmed.

Charlie Myers spoke in support of the project.

Emeric Kalman stated that the issue of Lake Merced and other lakes came up at a PUC meeting on June 24th. The Commissioners did not go ahead to spend more money on studies. He felt that before the loss of water in the lake is addressed, the Department should not go ahead with a project that would extract more water from the lake. Lake Merced is the legal emergency water supply of San Francisco. He believed that the Recreation and Park Department is responsible to maintain the area around lake. He stated that nothing should be done which would endanger the quality of the water. He stated that the lake is contaminated. He would like the lake to be restored to its health. He requested that this item be tabled.

Commissioner Friend asked Marvin if the issue brought up by Mr. Kalman would be under the PUC, and if the water contamination and the leak in the lake had been brought to the attention of the Public Utilities Commission. If it had he asked what the PUC thought of the shoreline improvement issue at hand.

Marvin replied that the PUC did have jurisdiction of water management at Lake Merced and that it was working with the Recreation and Park Department on various issues. He also stated that the PUC was aware of what the Department was planning on doing and that the PUC supported the project.

Commissioner Flunder stated that the long-term goal was to collaborate with the PUC and all other commissions that relate to the lake. She also stated that the responsibility of this Commission was to abate the safety issues.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon requested that a staff person from the PUC update the Commission on the issue.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9707-112

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Award of Contract of the Lake Merced Shoreline Restoration Project.

**6. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIP**

Discussion and possible action to approve an Assisted Recreation Division overnight trip for 20 youth who are visually impaired/blind to the Russian River on July 24-25, 1997.

Mike Morlin presented this to the Commission and requested that it be ratified.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9707-113

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an Assisted Recreation Division overnight trip for 20 youth who are visually impaired/blind to the Russian River on July 24-25, 1997.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 8-11 PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION

Peter Desmond, stated that the article written by Ken Garcia on the direction of Golden Gate Park was not encouraging. He stated that he believed the Commission had the ability to turn the park around, but to do so they would need reliable information from the staff. He did not believe the Commission was getting it. He agreed with Commissioner Chin in that collective solutions were essential. He stated that three minutes to speak was not an opportunity for public participation. He believed that to turn the park around it demanded public participation.

Margaret Morrison, stated her grievance on discrimination. Her horse, boarded at the stables, is without electricity, running water, pigeon proofing, proper drainage, and adequate flooring. Other stalls had been renovated, but not hers. Management indicated that she was not going to be given a box stall until the fee increase had been approved. She had already taken a rent increase without the renovations. She stated that she believes Golden Gate Park could be the "Jewel of the Nation's Park". She requested that management honor their agreement with the Recreation and Park Department. Ms. Morrison then quoted from January staff letter "Although the number of boarders are currently 31, the stable management would like to offer this transition immediately to any border who wishes to move. Thus supporting all boarders the opportunity to move to larger stalls". She requested this be implemented and without discrimination.

Dr. Patrice Bozich indicated that Ken Garcia's article is one of best as it covered everything thoroughly. She stated that it made a point that sometimes Commissioners know very little about parks. She felt that the Commission had a tremendous task and suggested that advisory subcommittees be formed. The park is for all, so to deny access to some would be unreasonable. She felt public comment and input should be a reality.

Dr. John Bozich spoke to the proposed amendment. He stated that lessening the improvements lessens the value and lessens the obligation and therefore should lessen the rates charged and or proposed. On Article 3, Section 28.1 which refers to the repairs and maintenance obligations of management, he requested that wording such as "you are required to repair such and such immediately upon complaint."

Alan Lombardi, believed that with the proposed amendment to the lease, there was no oversight. He felt that management got everything and their rights had been taken away. He stated that the Recreation and Park Commission had a responsibility and hoped that the Commission stood up to it.

Shay Morris an operator of the stable. She stated that many people in San Francisco who own horses and that drive across bridge or down the peninsula to visit their horses. There are 30 people who do not have to do this and they are at the Golden Gate Park Stables. She stated that there were 643 people on the waiting list for a stall. She also stated that in October, after the request for a rate increase, she had been harassed by people. All the agencies reassured her that she did not violate any rules. She stated that she had been threatened and harassed on several occasions, making it difficult to run the barns. She stated that there are eight horses in the public program which do not have stalls.

Polly Dignan she too had been harassed by unhappy boarders. She understood that the boarders were unhappy, but there was commitment to the Commission and to the City of San Francisco to run a public program and they are attempting to do this. She stated that there were safety concerns about use of grand stand stalls for the smaller beginning horses. The grandstand stalls are furthest away from the school yard, making it difficult for children to adequately be supervised and safe around their horses. She also stated that her understanding of the lease was that stables would be run for the primary benefit of public programs. Maintenance is always necessary. She stated that over \$200,000 was used over the last eighteen months for repair and upgrades.

Nicki Taylor, an instructor at the stables, stated she was concerned about harassment from boarders. She felt such abuse should not happen. She said that she stays there because of the people she works with as well as the students."

Susan Lombardi has been a boarder at there since 1975. She stated that her taxes support Golden Gate Stables. She believed that the proposed increase in boarding fees can not be justified with any rational. Private facilities in the bay area do not charge these rates. Other stables, charging \$400 would include many other services not offered by Golden Gate Stables. She stated that the boarders are rarely allowed to use the stables. When management was trying to win the long-term lease, boarders supported the management team. All of a sudden, all they want is our money or they want us out. She felt this was distressing. The issues must be discussed rationally.

Norris Large, representing the San Francisco Green Party, stated that they believed that natural habitat should be preserved by Eminent Domain.

Richard Craig a San Francisco resident, spoke in support of Eminent Domain. He stated that he had a great appreciation for the sand dunes and wanted them to be preserved.

Jake Sage, conservatory chair of the local chapter of the native plant society, spoke in support of Eminent Domain. He stated that the society had been working for the past eight years to acquire to remaining lots on Hawk Hill. The sand dune communities that were there have almost all disappeared. He urged the Recreation and Park Commission to acquire all of the lots.

Greg Gaar, a member of the Open Space Committee, spoke in support of the Hawk Hill Eminent Domain. He stated that the Planning Commission and the previous Recreation and Park Commission had endorsed the acquisition of Hawk Hill. The question was what was the fair market value for the owners. Eminent Domain was needed to determine fair market value, so everyone would be satisfied. He hoped that some of the areas could be saved so future kids would experience wild life in San Francisco.

Ron Miguel, co-chair of the Open Space Committee, urged the Commission to proceed forward with the process.

Wanda Mills spoke in support of Eminent Domain. She agreed comments made by Ron Miguel, Jake Sage and Greg Gaar.

Joseph Bertain, Jr., an attorney, spoke in support of Hawk Hill Eminent Domain.

Doug Morgan, President of San Francisco State University spoke in support of Eminent Domain - he wanted to see the sand dunes preserved.

Daniel Reidy, represented the Caffertys, owners of lots 15,16 and 17 of Assessor's Block 2338A located at the end of the paved lower or southerly portion of San Marcos Avenue in the Forest Hills. He recommended deletion of these lots from Eminent Domain action.

John Laskin, spoke in opposition to Hawk Hill Eminent Domain.

Bruce Krell, spoke in support of Hawk Hill Eminent Domain.

Charles Lau and **Tommy Tang** owners of two properties on Hawk Hill. They stated that they were not aware of the Eminent Domain proceedings when the lots were purchased. It was suggested that they hire an attorney since previous owners of the lots and the real estate broker failed to disclosed Eminent Domain issue to them.

Harold Wright with the Forest Hill Association spoke in support of the Hawk Hill Eminent Domain.

8. **Discussion and vote pursuant to Sunshine Ordinance 67.11 (a) on whether to conduct a closed session to confer with Legal Counsel.**

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn to closed session at 4:15 p.m.

9. **The Commission convened into closed session at 4:15 p.m.**

10. **Open Session**

The Commission returned to open session at 5:15 p.m. Deputy City Attorney, Mariam Morley stated that the Commission was back after closed session and that in regard to Item Number 10 on the calendar, there was action taken. Commissioner Flunder read the motion taken by the Commission "The Commission voted to adopt the resolution to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to exercise Eminent Domain to acquire all 21 lots on Hawk Hill." The vote was unanimous.

11. **On motion of Commissioner Getty, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, the Recreation and Park Commission found that it was in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding pending litigation.**

12. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
APPROVAL OF LEASE AMENDMENT

Discussion and possible action to approve the First Amendment to the Lease between the City and County of San Francisco and Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Getty this item was tabled until the August 21, 1997 Commission meeting.

13. **HAWK HILL**
EMINENT DOMAIN

Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to exercise Eminent Domain to acquire 21 parcels on the slope north of Herbert Hoover Middle School near San Marcos Avenue in the Sunset District (Golden Gate Heights).

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9707-114

RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend to the Board of Supervisors to exercise Eminent Domain to acquire all 21 lots on Hawk Hill.

14. **MAYOR'S TREASURE ISLAND PROJECT OFFICE**
APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mayor's Treasure Island Project Office and the Recreation and Park Department for the operation and maintenance of Treasure Island.

This item was taken off calendar.

Harlan Van Wye, a director of the Treasure Island Yacht Club spoke in support of this item.

15. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Commissioner Getty discussed the plans of the Golden Gate Master Plan Task Force. He stated that the Task Force would be divided into smaller focus groups to decide on issues which would be discussed by the Task Force in the upcoming meetings and to update the Task Force on those issues.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Desmond discussed the enforcement of the lease and his concerns with staff enforcing that lease in regard to the Golden Gate Park Stables. Commissioner Flunder stated that she believed that the Commission had this well under hand and it was not just one staff person's issue. She stated that there were other people involved and that she had also been out there.

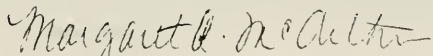
Susan Lombardi stated that she was concerned with earlier comments made in regard to boarders harassing staff at the stables and that she had not heard of any of these things until today. She also stated that the facility was not a \$400 facility and will never be. Commissioner Flunder stated that she would almost tend to agree with her and also had a concern that it may not be a good facility for boarders. She stated that she was not suggesting that the boarders be removed, but that she was not sure the facility was adequate as it is presently configure. Ms. Lombardi stated that she felt it was one of convenience. She stated she felt it was necessary to have boarders and necessary to have the riding school. Commissioner Flunder stated that the Commission was trying to decide what would be practical to do with this 100 year old facility.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Friend requested that they adjourn in honor of the following birthdays:
Commissioner Flunder
Commissioner McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Salinas, Sr.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting
of the Recreation and Park Commission was
adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

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728th Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 1997 - 2:00 p.m.

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The 728th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 21, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
William P. Getty
Gordon Chin
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

Rotea J. Gilford

2. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Patrick Cox, Management Information Systems Manager. Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, will make the presentation.

NEW STAFF

I am pleased to introduce a new staff member:

Jon Faulks, the newest member of our Finance Division, is a Senior Administrative Analyst who began working for the Department on August 18. Jon will assist in the preparation of the Department's budget, provide ongoing financial expenditure analyses and conduct special projects, such as allocating the budget into neighborhood geographic regions and analyzing the Department's scavenger costs.

PROJECT PULL

This summer, the Recreation and Park Department has participated in Project Pull, a program that allows high school students with exceptional academic achievements to learn about career options while gaining experience in the public sector. Four students completed the program: Sosena Desta, Marlon Harrison, Arielle Hunter and Cianni Jackson. They have been working to make available to the public on the Department's web site historic photos and original texts from John McLaren and William Hammond Hall stored in the archives of the San Francisco History Room of the Public Library. In addition, they completed a survey of bicycle facilities at recreation centers and Department buildings towards developing a program to comply with the bicycle ordinance. They have also developed graphics and organizational charts for program managers related to the Department's reorganization.

LAKE MERCED BOATING AND FISHING CONCESSION

A fire on the morning of August 15 caused major damage to the boating and fishing concession at Lake Merced. The facility consisted of a prefabricated structure which was used for issuing fishing licenses and operating several boating programs. Urban Parks Concessionaires, who operate the facility, indicate that the fire was caused by faulty wiring. They have installed a trailer adjacent to the site and were back in operation the Saturday after the fire. Staff is working with the concessionaire and the Bureau of Building Inspection in an attempt to maintain uninterrupted service to the public.

SOUTH OF MARKET RECREATION CENTER

The South of Market Recreation Center (SOMA) at Sixth and Folsom Streets was used as an emergency shelter by the Red Cross following a fire in the Delta Hotel at Sixth and Mission Streets on August 12. Up to 300 people stayed in the building on cots and were provided meals during their stay. The Department assigned additional custodial service to maintain the cleanliness of the restrooms, showers and buildings and grounds. Recreation directors staffed the building 24 hours a day. Friday night's teen dance scheduled for SOMA had to be moved to the Tenderloin Recreation Center. The Red Cross placed the hotel residents into temporary housing and vacated SOMA on Sunday evening, August 17. The recreation center was left in reasonably good condition, but there was some minor damage and extensive cleaning was required.

HARDING AND LINCOLN GOLF COURSES

The leases for the operation of Harding and Lincoln Golf Courses expire in April 1998. Club Corporation of America/Silband, the current lessee at both courses, has approached the Department with a proposal to assign the leases to a third party prior to their expiration. Staff has met with representatives of two companies who are interested in assuming the leases and, more than likely, will bid for the new leases in the spring. Staff is currently developing a list of maintenance and other measures that must be taken by CCA/Silband prior to an assignment and the successful assignee afterwards. A consent to assignment must be approved by the Commission prior to its taking effect, which may require a special meeting prior to the regular Commission meeting in September. At your places is a copy of the August 14th letter sent to the CCA/Silband in response to their request to assign the leases.

SAN FRANCISCO LANDSCAPE GARDEN SHOW

The San Francisco Landscape Garden Show, the annual fundraiser put on by Friends of Recreation and Parks, reaped a profit of \$174,065 from its 1997 show. Funds will go to create the new garden and landscape restoration behind the Beach Chalet as well as to other park projects and recreation programs throughout the City. The work in the west end of Golden Gate Park adds to the show's continued support of the revitalization effort by the Golden Gate Park Conservancy, funded in part by the \$1.6 million challenge grant from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund.

OPERA IN THE PARK

The Friends of Recreation and Parks want to remind Commissioners that Opera in the Park will take place in Sharon Meadow on Sunday, September 7, with a private reception, "Dine with the Divas," in the Shakespeare Garden. Commissioners will receive their invitations shortly.

9910/WORK EXPERIENCE PILOT PROJECT

The 9910/Work Experience Pilot Project (WEPP) will begin Phase Four on September 1, 1997. Changes have been made which allow General Assistance Training and Employment (GATE) and Walden House, the advocates for General Assistance workers, to better address their clients' problems (housing, substance abuse, job search skills, personal grooming and discipline). These changes were made primarily to allow for a two-month interval between the Workfare and the 9910 phases of the training program. This interval gives the advocates more time to stabilize their clients prior to them becoming Recreation and Park Department employees.

ZOO NEWS

The Aye-Aye Forest Exhibit opens on August 28. The San Francisco Zoo is the first zoo in the country to exhibit a pair of Aye-Ayes, one of the world's most unusual primate species from Madagascar.

Night Tour '97, the annual behind-the-scenes tour for Zoo members, took place on July 17, 18 and 25. Attendance for the three evenings was in excess of 21,000. For the first time, there was a Night Tour available to the public (paid basis) on July 26. The event was well received, with 6,700 people in attendance.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, August 28, 1997	Aye-Aye Forest Exhibit Opening; 10:00 a.m.; Zoo
Monday, September 1, 1997	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 2, 1997	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, September 3, 1997	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour); 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Finance and Administration Committee;
3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

Sunday, September 7, 1997

Opera in the Park; 1:30 p.m.; Sharon Meadow,
Golden Gate Park

Monday, September 8, 1997

Annual Zoological Society Membership
Meeting and Reception; 5:00 p.m.; Zoo

Commissioner Chin commended the Department for the leadership in the use of the South of Market Recreation Center for people who had been displaced from the fire.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon and seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES. NO. 9708-118

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the July 31, 1997 Commission Meeting.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

RES. NO. 9708-120

Acceptance of the following gifts valued at \$4,492.36 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Brenners Mower Shop, two pieces of equipment: one Riding Mower and one Power Pole Saw for the Aids Memorial Grove, Golden Gate Park.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

RES. NO. 9708-121

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Discussion and possible action to approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Donation From:

Steinhart Aquarium
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA

One unsexed Surinam Toad

College of Vet Medicine
2015 SW 16th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32610

Two male armadillos

Nancy Mayes
3107 La Cresta
Alameda, CA

One Silkworm Tank

Donation To:

Adeliade Zoo
Fromme Road
Adeliade, SA 5000
Australia

Two female Siamang

D. JOINT ZOO COMMITTEE

RES. NO. 9708-122

A. HONORE ACCOUNT

Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Treasurer to sell trust assets for the Estate of A. Honore.

GENERAL CALENDAR

There being no objection, Item Number 5 was taken out of order.

5. PLACEMENT OF SCULPTURED BAS RELIEF PANELS

TELEGRAPH HILL

Discussion and possible action to approve the placement of sculptured bas relief panels commemorating the voyage of Christopher Columbus on Telegraph Hill.

Deborah Learner presented this item to the Commission. As background information, the City of Genoa had provided a gift of bas relief marble panels to be placed on the pedestal for the existing statue of Christopher Columbus on Telegraph Hill. The work by artist Ettore Sardo depicted the old world, the ships of Columbus and the New World. In April 1992, the project received the approval of the Art Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission.

Nibbi Brothers, Inc. has agreed to install the plaques at its own expense but needs authorization from the Recreation and Park Commission to do this work.

Angelo Quaranta, Bob McCarthy and Jeff Heller spoke in support of this item and requested that it be approved by the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Chin and seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 2707-123

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the placement of sculptured bas relief panels commemorating the voyage of Christopher Columbus on Telegraph Hill by Nibbi Brothers, Inc.

This item was passed unanimously.

4. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES

APPROVAL OF LEASE AMENDMENT

Discussion and possible action to approve the First Amendment to the Lease between the City and County of San Francisco and Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the staff had been working with the Commission over the last several months on the issue of inflexibility in the lease. Currently the Department is not given the tools to manage the lease appropriately. He explained that the Amendment presented to the Commission would allow the Department to amend the lease to allow this to occur. However, the Commission could not: 1) change the actual definition of the leasehold itself, 2) increase the term of the lease, 3) decrease the amount of rent paid to the Department by the lessee, 4) decrease the overall value of the capital improvements or 5) change the general use of the lease from an equestrian use.

Margaret Morrison, a boarder at the stables stated that her understanding of this amendment would be to ask the boarders to leave. **Commissioner Flunder** stated that was incorrect. **Ernie Prindle** reconfirmed this. Ms. Morrison requested that the motion be tabled until the Commission had an opportunity to address the problem of her horse being in an inferior stall. **Commissioner Flunder** stated that the amendment empowered the Commission to do what people have been requesting. She also explained that the amendment simply gave the Commission the where with all to do what needed to be done in and around negotiations with the lessee and the boarders.

Dr. Patrice Bozich, a boarder objected to the amendment because of the following: 1) right of due process, 2) history - horses had been in the park before cars, concessions, etc., 3) boarders provided approximately \$100,000 worth of income, 4) students seem to be declining as does the attitude and the commitment and 5) some horses are elderly and would suffer if moved.

Dr. John Bozich, a boarder stated he was concerned with the wording of the amendment. He interpreted the amendment to be a convenience factor so if the boarders were asked to leave it would be expedited. He felt it would cut short the checks and balances of the City. The rationale he had heard was that it was more profitable not to have boarders. However the City was looking at spending \$500,000 on a piece of art and believed this issue pertained to City and revenue collecting and the needs for this. He stated he had a hard time seeing the urgency about getting rid of boarders for profit. He suggested that the energies of the Department might be better served at running a tighter ship, getting control over finances and lease violations. This would bring in far greater profits. He urged the Commission not to approve the amendment because it was ill chosen and its effects would be nothing but negative.

Peter Desmond, a boarder at the stables stated he was concerned about safety and complimented Joel Robinson for putting the sign up on the polo field. He stated that the use of SC70 - hazardous materials - cannot be brought on the property and must be removed. He believed that when he asked questions he did not get answers. He also stated that their attorney wrote a letter to the Commission that asked that they consider the violations that he stated were occurring. Mr. Desmond felt the Commissioners were not receiving the correct information and encouraged them to get a second opinion.

Kathy Mroz stated that she agreed with the previous speakers and their concerns. She also had several questions regarding management and the lease agreement. She discussed comments from the last meeting at which management stated they were being harassed and vandalism was occurring. She said she did not know of any boarder that would do this. She stated that she wanted to keep her horse there and that she never had a problem with previous management.

Shay Morris representing management stated that this year the summer camps had over 750 children attend. This was in addition to the regular lesson program and the regular trail ride program. She stated that boarders currently occupy 40% of the stalls and they bring in 17% of the income. Even during rainy weather, the school programs brought in more money than the boarders. She addressed issues of stalls, maintenance and inspection by City agencies. She stated that they have had no code violations. She also stated that it had been a year since they originally requested the fee increase.

Commissioner Salinas asked if the Building Department had been out to the stables. **Ms. Morris** responded that they had on more than one occasion. **Tom Hart** stated that on any repairs that had been done he had copies of the building code permits and final sign off on everything. In addition, the plumbers and the capitol improvement foreman from this Department inspected it, and an architect from the Bureau of Architecture did a complete report. **Commissioner Salinas** stated that the Building Department was very thorough and stated that if there were building code violations they would have found them.

Nicki Taylor an instructor at the stables stated that the student program had increased over the summer. She had as many as 20 children there each week. She taught ongoing lessons during the week and even in the winter had not found a decrease in the students attending.

Susan Lombardi a boarder at the stables spoke on two issues: 1) she did not feel the boarders should be asked to leave and 2) if the boarders were going to be asked to leave then she felt that when management presented their package that it was not a fair presentation. She stated that the facility was not a \$400 facility.

Commissioner Friend stated that they were not asking anyone to leave but instead were trying to get some corrections on the lease. He also explained that there were items put in the lease that were approved by Commissioners prior to this Commission.

Commissioner Getty asked what the verifications were on the harassment. Commissioner Flunder answered that nothing other than the testimonies of those who had been harassed.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle- Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9707-119

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the First Amendment to the Lease between the City and County of San Francisco and Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc.

This item was passed unanimously.

6. **MAYOR'S TREASURE ISLAND PROJECT OFFICE**
APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mayor's Treasure Island Project Office and the Recreation and Park Department for the operation and maintenance of Treasure Island.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. He explained that the City, acting through the Mayor's Treasure Island Office Project had been negotiating with the Federal Government to assume responsibility for the use of Treasure Island effective September 1, 1997. The MOU would include the following major points: 1) the Department would operate the Premises pursuant to the policies and directives of the Project Office under the direction and supervision of the General Manager, 2) the MOU would continue on a month-to-month basis, and could be terminated by either party on 30 days notice, 3) the Department would be reimbursed for all expenses incurred, and 4) all revenues collected would be turned over to the Project Office.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9708-124

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mayor's Treasure Island Project Office and the Recreation and Park Department for the operation and maintenance of Treasure Island.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION**
PROGRAM AND FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN
Discussion and possible action for conceptual approval for Request For Qualification to develop Program and Facilities Strategic Plan.

Ernie Prindle presented this item to the Commission. He stated that one of the goals of the Department for FY 1997-98 was to prepare a Program, Landscaping and Facilities Strategic Plan that would outline a bond program to support the repair and renovation of neighborhood recreation facilities and parks throughout San Francisco.

This plan would include community outreach and survey the needs within each of San Francisco's nine neighborhood service districts. The plan would evaluate programs as well as facilities and landscape areas and identify both current and future program needs.

Commissioner Flunder stated that she felt that \$300,000 was extremely conservative for a comprehensive strategic plan. She also stated that she supported this as a process and requested that the Commission go on record as being a Commission that makes its decisions by the strategic planning process instead of a Commission that is constantly having to put out brush fires. She stated she did not want to see all this work done and have a clear definitive plan. She stated she thought it was a marvelous idea.

John Laskin stated that he favored the "paperclip" approach.

Commissioner Getty stated that he felt this was a fantastic opportunity to create sustainable parks.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9708-125

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves conceptually the Request For Qualification to develop Program and Facilities Strategic Plan.

**8. SAN FRANCISCO CITY STORE
APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED OPERATING
AND LICENSING AGREEMENT**

Discussion and possible action to approve the First Amended and Restated Operating Licensing Agreement for San Francisco City Store.

Ernie Prindle made a joint presentation for Item Numbers 8 and 9. He explained that after completing a competitive bid process, the Board of Supervisors approved an operating and licensing agreement on June 25, 1995 between Golden Gate Community, Inc. and the City to establish one or more municipal stores in San Francisco. There is currently one store and that is located at Pier 39. The proceeds from the sales are used to benefit community-based shelter organizations in San Francisco.

The proposed store at the Beach Chalet would be the second City Store located in San Francisco. During the restoration of the Beach Chalet building, the north lounge area on the first floor was redesigned as a gift shop. Since the opening of the facility on January 1, 1997, the Department had investigated different options for the use and operation of the store area. Currently this area is used for the sale of merchandise made by the Department's Teen Entrepreneurial Program. The program participants produce a line of cards and gift items made entirely from recycled materials. This line will be continued in the store.

In addition to managing the day to day operations of the City Store, GGCI would offer: 1) sound business training to workcreation student salespeople, 2) employment opportunities to members of the adult homeless community, 3) financial support to the Department's Teen Entrepreneurial Program by purchasing wholesale product from them, and 4) coordination support and expertise using their management fee from the Beach Chalet operation to assist the Department with various homeless issues in Golden Gate Park.

He stated that Item Number 9 on the calendar was the agreement between the Recreation and Park Department and GGCI for the use of the store space in the Beach Chalet building which called for a rental of \$1.00 per year, a \$10,000 security deposit, and City-standard insurance and indemnification provisions. The term would be for one year with two one-year options available to GGCI upon written request and approval of the Department.

Mr. Prindle then played a one minute video for the Commission in regard to the City Store.

On motion of Commissioner Salinas seconded by Commissioner Getty the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9708-126

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the First Amended and Restated Operating Licensing Agreement for San Francisco City Store.

This item was passed unanimously.

9. GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY, INC.

APPROVAL OF LEASE

Discussion and possible action to approve a lease with Golden Gate Community, Inc. for operation of a gift shop at the Beach Chalet.

On motion of Commissioner Chin seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9708-127

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves a lease with Golden Gate Community, Inc. for operation of a gift shop at the Beach Chalet.

This item was passed unanimously.

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK - POLO FIELD

SUMMER OF LOVE

REQUEST FOR TWO DAY EVENT

Discussion and possible action to approve a two day event at the Beach Chalet Soccer Field October 12 - 13, 1997 for the Summer of Love event.

Linda Woo presented this item to the commission. She stated that this was a request to approve a two day event on October 12- 13, 1997 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Summer of Love. There would be two concerts, one on each day, from noon to 6:00 p.m., held at the Beach Chalet Soccer Field. She stated that the conditions of approval were in the Commission packets for their review. This would be a free event. Two meetings had been held to date. The first was with staff and the promoters. The second was with the promoters, city agency staff and federal agency staff. At the second meeting the fees and performance bonds were discussed. Ms. Woo stated that one condition the Department was imposing was to have all fees paid prior to the event.

Lt. Kevin Hay stated that in the past when there had been large concerts, that the overflow impacted onto Ocean Beach was quite large. People would camp overnight in the past and there had been an increased rate of drug and alcohol abuse. There were also endangered species out there. He requested that this event be kept to a one day event.

Chet Helms, Chair for the Council of the Summer of Love stated that the original request for the event was brought before the Commission in January with the location at the Polo Field. Because this was not a workable location the Council decided on the Beach Chalet Soccer Field. There were four issues he felt needed to be resolved: 1) the closure of JFK, from the Great Highway to the "Y", 2) closure of the Great Highway from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 3) granted 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for light amplification (the One Third Scale Vietnam Wall would be exhibited on October 12, 1997 and they would like to read the names of the Vietnam Vets) and 4) requested that they be granted a second day for the event. He was aware of problems and would attempt to make the two day event a pleasant one.

Greg Shine with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, stated that a one day event on October 13, 1997 would be more manageable and stated the concerns they would have if a two day event were approved.

Bill McCarthy stated that he is in favor of the two day event. He stated that he is aware of the problems, but with cooperation and proper security, he felt everything would run smoothly.

Chris Duderstadt, Andy Solow and John Laskin spoke in support of the event.

A discussion occurred in regard to the number of people attending, the security company which would be used, the number of security people and past events that they have promoted.

Joel Robinson commented on the willingness of the promoter to work with the Department and thanked them for this. He stated that at all the meetings the Department expressed its concerns about a two day event. If a two day event was approved, there would need to be strict guidelines which would have to be followed which would include a contingent of police officers on overtime and transportation issues from MUNI. All issues which the promoter was aware would need to be part of the permit. The payment to each Department effective would have to be paid prior to the event (approximately \$100,000 per day). The Department would like a paid security force - not volunteers - that can respond in a timely manner if anything does occur during the event.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon requested confirmation that the conditions stated were stipulated to the promoter. She stated that in April the issues that were coming up were clear, i.e. they picked an alternative site. She was concerned that they may have been led down a path and that the communication may not have been there.

Joel Robinson stated that he felt communication was there. This was not an event which could be signed off administratively and Mr. Helms was aware of that. He felt the only issue remaining from the letter was the two day event. If approved, the stipulations from the meeting must be met before the permit is given. If there is a two day event, the park must be cleared Sunday night. If there is a second day, there would be a significant increase in fees.

Discussions occurred in regard to the damage done at Lindley Meadow after the 1985 concert.

Commissioner Flunder stated her concerns about uncontrollable large groups of people at the event and where people attending the event would stay on the first night.

Officer Connelly with the Richmond police station stated that their main concern is in the safety of all attendees, neighbors, and park.

Joel Robinson stated that the staff was here to bring to the attention of the Commissioners all the details and ramifications of either a one day event or a two day event. He mentioned all the requirements covered in the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder and seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9708-128

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a two day event at the Beach Chalet Soccer Field, October 12-13, 1997 for the Summer of Love with all the stipulations and requirements from all concerned Departments and Agencies and provided that the organization would come up with the financial requirements to make the event happen.

Commissioner Friend stated that his concern still lies in the overnight campers.

Ayes: Flunder, Chin, Getty, McArdle-Solomon, Salinas
No: Friend

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrice Bozich stated that the Department does not need so many high paying positions. Recreation and Park recently hired six staff in high paid positions. She also asked about janitors for the restrooms and gardeners.

Peter Desmond stated that he believed in the Commissioners.

Dr. John Bozich stated that Commissioner Flunder wanted to see tighter control of money. He would like to see more monetary restrictions. He suggested getting legal help. When there is no control, abuse is invited.

Chris Duderstadt spoke on the soccer program and expanding the program for 5 - 8 year olds. He also discussed problems they were having with the Department and at the request of Commissioner Friend gave a list of issues to Joel Robinson.

Andy Solow showed pictures of the athletic fields and discussed problems at Louis Sutter, Crocker Amazon and Delores Park.

Mary Cain voiced her concerns with the stables.

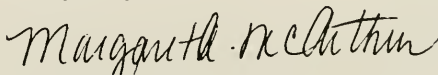
Carey Jones who represents the Ground Sports Advisory Group, stated that there are good soccer fields and some bad ones. He felt that the gardeners had a lot to do with this. He suggested having volunteers if the Recreation and Park Department does not have enough staff to maintain fields.

12. ADJOURNMENT

This Commission adjourned in honor of Commissioner Friend's birthday.

There being no further business, the 728th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

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729th Regular Meeting
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The 729th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 16, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President Yvette Flunder.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Gordon Chin
Rotea Gilford

Absent:

William P. Getty
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

2. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Joe Mason, a 3418 Gardener Assistant Supervisor in the Urban Forestry Division. Jim Cooney will make the presentation.

NEW STAFF

I am pleased to introduce two new staff members:

Becky Ballinger comes to the Recreation and Park Department with over 20 years of experience in the public relations arena. She has worked for a number of television stations as well as for a non-profit museum. Her expertise in public relations, marketing and community outreach will be a great asset to this Department.

Darolyn Davis has had her own public relations firm for the last two years. Prior to that she was Press Secretary for then Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr. She successfully designed a statewide communications plan to reach African-Americans, has produced cable television programs, PSA's, brochures and newspaper inserts for California State Assemblymembers. In addition, she coordinated the

media during the Speaker's California Economic Summit. She was an Associate Producer for S1 Communications and an Assistant Associate Producer on the Tonight Show. She has coordinated workshops and lectured extensively.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

I am pleased to report that San Francisco Beautiful has presented a Beautification Award to the Recreation and Park Department for the establishment and maintenance of India Basin Shoreline Park, the new park in the Bayview/Hunters Point District completed in September 1996. San Francisco Beautiful stated, "The Park is a delightful and peaceful respite in the Bayview-Hunter's Point neighborhood, and provides open space and shoreline access to a blighted district. We would like to use this opportunity to celebrate the park itself as well as the people who work every day to preserve and maintain it." The Recreation and Park Department is honored to receive this recognition. Furthermore, Phase 2 of India Basin Shoreline Park is currently in the design development stage and is anticipated to begin construction in the Summer of 1998.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER

On Saturday, October 18th, the first-ever Neighborhood Service Center which will host a computer kiosk will be opened. This center will be located at the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Building, 50 Scott Street. Residents will be able to research local Recreation and Park Department events, enroll in classes at local colleges and look up activity schedules and research the history of many significant park monuments. There will be activities for children and adults from hands-on demonstrations of the Internet to dancing, arts and crafts.

The Mayor will demonstrate the Recreation and Park Department Web page. The Internet will be accessible to youths only with adult supervision. In addition, the City will incorporate the Neighborhood City Hall program by having staff from various city agencies available at the center on a rotating basis to give advice and guidance to those in need of assistance with City business or issues.

International computer company NEC has pledged their technical support for the photographic archives of San Francisco Recreation and Park Department historic information. George Lucas of Lucas Films has pledged financial support for the Recreation and Park interactive Internet site.

GREAT AMERICAN NET TEST CHALLENGE

MCI will be holding a San Francisco Great American Net Test Challenge event on November 22, 1997 at the Tenderloin Children's Playground. MCI will install 20 computers with Internet access for this event. Following the event, MCI will donate the computers to the Recreation and Park Department and provide one year's worth of free Internet access and a \$10,000 grant which can be used for computer software, training and education.

MCI is holding similar events in other cities nationwide. They will do pre-event promotions, and hope to have a big turnout. They also hope that local dignitaries and celebrities will appear to kick-off the day. MCI would like to make the event fun and hope to have young people compete for prizes. All participants will receive t-shirts. The total donation to the Department from MCI is valued at \$90,000. This item will come before the Commission in November to accept their gift.

GOLDEN GATE PARK FIRES

There were two recent fires of suspicious origin in the Park. On Sunday, October 5, 1997, the first alarm was sounded at 11:00 p.m. The fire just west of Metson Lake, was quickly extinguished. Another, larger fire consumed nearly 1/3 of an acre off Middle Drive West, just across the road from Urban Forestry Headquarters the night of October 7, 1997. There has been speculation that the two were arson fires

representing a conflict between drug dealers living in the Park, or perhaps retaliation for Department cleanups of homeless encampments. It has been cold in the evenings and comfort fires may have gotten out of hand. The sites of the burns will be future reforestation plots, as is usual. The San Francisco Police Department and Park Patrol have been asked to increase surveillance in similar areas of the Park.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PRESS CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, October 15, 1997, Pesticide Watch Education Fund called a press conference on the one year anniversary of the City's new Pesticide Ordinance. Centered on the Department's Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.) solarization project in the Conservatory Valley, the conference was called in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment. Jim Cooney reported the findings on use of the most hazardous pesticides: from a high of 3,800 lbs. in '94-'95 to 1,400 lbs. in '96 to 23.8 lbs. so far in the current year.

PINE PITCH CANKER

Pine Pitch Canker is a devastating fungal disease that is affecting numerous species of pine in the Bay Area. The Monterey Pine, which is the backbone of Golden Gate Park, is the most susceptible species. There is no known cure.

In order to minimize the impact of Pine Pitch Canker upon The Park's Monterey Pine tree population, we have begun a program in conjunction with UC Davis. The program consists of inoculating young Monterey Pine trees with the pathogen, to determine a resistant genotype. This will result in a new cultivar for Golden Gate Park that is resistant to Pine Pitch Canker. Until the new cultivar is developed, the Reforestation Program is planting other species of pine trees that are semi- or fully resistant.

OPEN SPACE PROGRAM (FY 1998-99) TOUR

The Open Space Program for FY 1998-99 is underway. The Commission is cordially invited to join the members of the Citizen Advisory Committee for a tour of proposed park projects on November 1, 1997. The charter bus for the Saturday morning tour will leave McLaren Lodge promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Members of the City Planning Commission have also been invited to join the tour.

MARINA YACHT HARBOR

In accordance to the Yacht Harbor Wait List Procedures set by the Recreation and Park Commission in 1992, an applicant must renew registration every five years by paying an additional \$50.00. Our records indicate that 171 applications expired on October 1, 1997. The Yacht Harbor Desk attempted to contact these applicants by mail on the dates of August 19, 1997 (via certified mail) and September 9, 1997 (via regular mail) to inform them of their application's expiration dates; however, only 92 applicants had responded by October 15, 1997. As a result, the Yacht Harbor Desk notified 79 applicants that they have been removed from the Wait List. Currently, we are handling other soon-to-expire applications on a weekly basis.

WESTERN ADDITION COMPLEX

The Western Addition Complex, in keeping with the spirit of the Department's I.P.M. Program to reduce the use of pesticides in City parks, has now reached its first year anniversary of 100% pesticide-free parks. They include the following parks: Alamo Square, Kimball Playground, Hamilton Playground, Lang Field, Jefferson Square, Koshland Park, Margaret Hayward Playground, Buchanan Mall and Ella Hill Hutch Community Center.

ROSSI POOL

The Structural Maintenance Division's Annual Pool Closure Program at Rossi Pool was completed in two weeks, a 50% plus reduction. In the past, the normal period has usually been four to six weeks depending upon maintenance and Health Department requirements. This is an effort by the Recreation and Park Department to approach annual pool closures in a more efficient manner and provide more swim time for the citizens of San Francisco.

OPEN SPACE DEFICIT REPORT

There is currently a \$2.8 million operating deficit in the Open Space Fund. This deficit has resulted from unrealized revenues. This deficit was recently disclosed, and was not previously identified on the City's financial statements. The Controller's Office explanation of the deficit, along with the Department's fact sheet, is attached. The Department has already closed out completed projects, inactive projects and projects with surplus funds totaling approximately \$1.1 million to reduce the deficit.

The Department is also considering funding options to replace King Pool with a new facility. There is a funding shortfall of \$7 million for this project. The Department will also recommend to the Committee funding which is available from projects which are on hold or not anticipated to be completed for several years. Future revenues could then be used to restore funding for these projects, depending on the Committee's decisions.

The Open Space Committee has written a letter to the Commission expressing their concerns over the deficit. The Department concurs with the Controller's numbers and explanation for the deficit. The Department will continue to work with the Controller's Office, and closely monitor our revenues to avoid a similar deficit in the future. The Department will present recommendations to resolve the deficit to both the public and Open Space Committee at its November 18th meeting.

Walt Valen made a presentation on the Strybing Arboretum. Following, Marvin Yee presented a Draft Master Plan on Lake Merced.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, October 18, 1997	Opening, Neighborhood Service Center, First City Computer Kiosk 11:00 a.m., Harvey Milk Recreation Arts Building
Saturday, November 1, 1997	Open Space Advisory Committee tour; 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, November 4, 1997	Parks and Planning Committee; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, November 5, 1997	Joint Zoo Meeting; 4:30 p.m. (tour); 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo
Thursday, November 6, 1997	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Saturday, November 8, 1997	The Great Sweep- San Francisco
Tuesday, November 11, 1997	Veterans Day

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Friend and seconded by Commissioner Chin the following resolutions were adopted:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES. NO. 9710-129

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the August 21, 1997 Commission Meeting.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

RES. NO. 9710-130

RESOLVED, that this Commission does accept the following gifts valued at \$1,600.00 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Nippon Travel Agency , \$100.00 for the Natural Areas Program Gift Fund
2. From Bain & Company, Inc., \$500.00 for Brooks Park
3. From Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$1,000.00 for the Junior Tennis Program.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES. NO. 9710-131

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Donation From:

Joshua Butler
3624 Santiago Street
San Mateo, CA 94403

One male and one female rat snake
Donation

Nancy Montgomery
15781 Adams Ridge
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Four female jungle fowl
Donation

Donation To:

Mike Turner
1966 Lebec Oaks Road
Lebec, CA 93243

Two unknown sex peafowl
Private party

Purchase Of:

Gladys Porter Zoo
500 Ringgold Street
Brownsville, TX 78520

Two female black swans
\$300.00
USDA #74-C-050

Sale To:

Mesker Park Zoo
2421 Bement Avenue
Evansville, IN 47720

Two female douroucoulis (monkey)
\$100.00
USDA #32-C-011

Bronx Zoo
2300 Southern Blvd.
Bronx, NY 10460

One male black-collared starling
\$25.00
USDA #21-C-020

D. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

PAYMENT OF CLAIM

RES. NO. 9710-132

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve payment of a claim in the amount of \$60,000.00 to Daniel Pradhan for personal injuries suffered during a fall at Huntington Park.

E. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

PAYMENT OF CLAIM

RES. NO. 9710-133

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve payment in the amount of \$5,380.02 to Leonid Senderovich for an injury at Rossi Pool.

F. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

PAYMENT OF CLAIM

RES. NO. 9710-134

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve payment in the amount of \$8,000.00 to Jared Shiu Ho for personal injuries suffered during a fall at J. P. Murphy Playground.

G. KOSHLAND PARK

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

RES. NO. 9710-135

RESOLVED, that this Commission does accept a gift in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the Koshland Family and approve an accompanying Memorandum of Understanding.

H. RHYTHM AND MOTION

APPROVAL OF PERMIT

RES. NO. 9710-136

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a permit issued by the Recreation and Park Department to Rhythm and Motion for the purpose of conducting aerobic dance classes at various Department facilities.

I. STANYAN MEADOW ZONE

APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

RES. NO. 9710-137

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the award of contract to Bauman Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$870,507 for improvements to the Stanyan Meadow Zone in Golden Gate Park.

J. CHINESE PLAYGROUND

APPROVAL OF MURAL

RES. NO. 9710-138

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a mural to be located on a wall adjacent to the children's playground.

K. SGT. JOHN MACAULAY PARK

APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL RENOVATION PLAN AND

HOURS FOR PARK CLOSURE

RES. NO. 9710-139

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the conceptual renovation plan and hours for park closure for Sgt. John Macaulay Park.

Michelle Hubbard spoke in favor of Macaulay Park (item 3K) and stated her few concerns.

**L. GOLDEN GATE PARK
APPROVAL OF NAMING**

THE SOUTH FORK AS BERNICE RODGERS WAY

RES. NO. 9710-140

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve naming the South Fork as Bernice Rodgers Way.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

GRAND JURY REPORT

Discussion and possible action to approve actions to implement recommendations in the Grand Jury report.

Joel Robinson presented this item to the Commission, discussing each recommendation. He stated that it had been heard and reviewed in detail by the Finance Committee. He first discussed the recommendations of the Grand Jury in regard to the Physical Condition at Golf Course Structures. The first five recommendations were: 1) establish a mandatory procedure to enable those City employees whose duties bring them to Recreation and Park Facilities to report substandard conditions quickly and easily, 2) supervisory personnel should regularly visit all facilities for which they have oversight responsibility to determine whether both the Department's and the concessionaire's on-site staff are doing their jobs, 3) when on-site personnel report any maintenance problems that might affect safety, or health of either employees or users, the Department's senior staff should promptly alert the appropriate City departments as well as the concessionaire, 4) the Department should train staff at all levels to follow up on all reported problems and make certain they have been fully corrected within a reasonable amount of time, and 5) the Department personnel should provide printed forms that encourage members of the general public who use its facilities to report any areas of concerns. In regard to these five recommendations the Department agrees with the report and will implement a comprehensive Conditions Monitoring System. In regard to recommendation number six - the Department should be meticulous in maintaining its contractual obligations, thereby encouraging concessionaires to maintain theirs - again the Department agreed with the recommendation and Joel stated that a Lease Monitoring System had been developed and installed on the Department's computer system.

Joel then discussed the Grand Jury recommendations for Concessionaire Contracts: 1) the Department contracts should contain provisions that ensure lessees comply with contractual obligations in a timely fashion, provide remedies for unwarranted delays, and penalize concessionaires who willingly neglect to fulfill agreed-upon contractual obligations, 2) contracts should provide mutually agreed-upon remedies, including re-negotiation, in the event factors beyond the lessee's control, such as environmental restrictions or neighborhood objections, prevent fulfilling the original conditions, 3) the Department should review contracts long enough before their expiration dates to be able to effect any desired changes in terms or issues Request for Proposals (RFP's), 4) the Department should make timely and accurate rent payment by its concessionaires a higher priority than has been its practice, instituting remedial action whenever lessees either fall into arrears with or under report monies due, and 5) contracts should not specify in which (or for which) years audits will occur. The Department agreed with all of these recommendations. In regard to recommendation Number One and Two, the Department with the assistance of the Real Estate Department and the City Attorney will develop by January 1, 1998 a Departmental boiler plate lease. This lease would include standard language to be used for all Department leases. In regard to Recommendation Numbers Three and Five, a Business Review would be completed by property management as the first step in preparing a bid package. Department policy will be to begin this review six months prior to the expiration of each lease. Last, in regard to Recommendation Number Four, the revenue section supervisor was already assigned responsibility to monitor all rent collection.

Last, the Grand Jury recommendations for Record Keeping were: 1) the Department should institute procedures to determine on a regular basis whether lessees are maintaining all required insurance and 2) the Department should keep files of blueprints and other related construction documents so that its own staff or outside examiner can readily check any structure against their original plans. The Department agreed with both recommendations. Specific to Recommendation Number One, all leases had been reviewed to ensure compliance with insurance and bond requirements and specific to Recommendation Number Two, as part of a comprehensive lease monitoring program, blueprints will be stored in a centrally located area in the Property Management office.

Commissioner Flunder stated that the Finance Committee had suggested that the due date for the Lease Monitoring System be changed from January 1, 1998 to February 1, 1998 to accomplish the long list of recommendations. She believed the Grand Jury report was a proactive management tool which would help the Department tighten up.

Peter Desmond stated that the Grand Jury report indicated that the Department had failed to make constructive changes that previous Grand Juries requested. He felt that the violations had been brought to the Commission time and time again, yet nothing had improved. He made a suggestion to follow the recommendation that Commissioner Gilford had made at his first Commission meeting when he proposed a committee to investigate the way contracts were handled in the Department. He then asked if there could be a committee to help the Commissioners as well as verify the information that was brought to them.

Commissioner Gilford stated that he wanted the Commissioners to be more involved. When items were put off, nothing happened. He suggested having more meetings for the public to voice their concerns.

Commissioner Flunder indicated that the Commissioners worked with the staff to come up with the responses to the Grand Jury. She also stated that a contract committee had been developed. Her concerns were in the duplication of work in relation to the contracts and the Grand Jury report among Commissioners and staff. After further discussion, it was agreed to have the meetings once a month to be convened by Commissioner Gilford.

On motion of Commissioner Chin, seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9710-141

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the actions to implement recommendations in the Grand Jury report.

This item was passed unanimously.

**5. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
SECOND LEASE AMENDMENT**

Discussion and possible action to approve the Second Amendment to the Lease between the Recreation and Park Department and Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc.

Jeff Morris, owner of Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc., stated he had been a concessionaire for the past eight years and had met all the lease obligations of the Department of Recreation and Park. He requested that the Commissioners approve the improvements so that a rate increase could take place. A year after the request was made for a rate increase and after many inspections from various public departments including Public Health, Public Works, Department of Building and Inspection, Animal Control and the City Attorney, they met the intent of the lease documents and in that regard spent over \$180,000 on improvements. He stated that the lease does require management to maintain and repair the facility which they do on an ongoing basis. He stated that in 1991 management realized they did not have a boarder agreement, so they created one with input from boarders, Recreation and Park Department staff and the

former City Attorney who was involved. It outlines the rights and responsibilities of the operator and the boarders. The boarders are not a party to the lease for which the operator is responsible. He requested the Commission approve this item.

Peter Desmond stated that he knew of four lease violations. He proposed that the lease amendment be delayed until there was legal input. He gave as an example the carcinogenic, Prop 65 materials being used in the riding ring. He stated Mr. Lombardi came before the Commission and stated that he had put SC70 in the ring. He also stated that they had photos which showed some of the violations.

Judy Martin stated that the Grand Jury report should apply to the stables. She felt that the property managers allowed the concessionaires to do as they pleased and that now the Department was requesting the Commission to amend the lease to allow all the violations. She stated that by amending this lease to allow these deviations the Department was contributing to the long term deterioration of the stables and Golden Gate Park. She questioned why the capital improvements were a year behind the required schedule. She stated that it sounded like more promises, more money, more delays-the same old story.

Commissioner Flunder asked why the capital improvements were behind schedule.

Tom Hart explained that some of the requirements which were in the lease were either unsafe or not necessary and were written by someone who was not a horse expert. He stated that rather than forcing the issues the Department was trying to rectify and clean-up the situation.

Patrice Bozich stated that at her request, the gentleman with the University of California at Davis came to San Francisco to give his ideas. He made nine pages of drawings of what should have been done and offered his services for \$150 which management chose not to accept. She stated that the Commissioners kept helping management by making amendments to get them to bypass things that needed to be done. She asked why this was happening. She suggested that a professional investigate the facility and come up with suggestions and procedures for implementation.

John Bozich stated that he concurred with some of the previous remarks. He stated that there was a working agreement and then it didn't count when that was convenient. He showed photographs and stated that his point was that the amendment stated that the three main points of improvement or repair were completed and he was contesting that this was not true. He stated that the ring was not made correctly and that there was a dust problem. He stated that if this was done wrong, then the improvement was not completed. Therefore, the concessionaire was failing to complete their obligation, ignoring the best interests and the needs of the boarders who support this business.

Betty Silverman indicated that was hearsay and talk of the Commission trying to get the boarders out of the stables. The people who board there were not rich people and could not afford the increase. She stated that when the lease is amended, she hoped that the criteria would not be changed - boarders, trail rides and lessons should remain.

Polly Dignan, a manager and one of the owners, stated that the process had been going on for 11 months and that according to the lease, the lessee had the privilege of requesting a fee increase after the completion of three of six major capital improvements. She stated that several of the issues brought up today had nothing to do with the lease amendment. She mentioned that the gutters would be fixed by November and she felt that management had lived up to the lease obligations. *Due to technical difficulties with the recorder, only a portion of Ms. Dignan's testimony was able to be transcribed.*

Tom Hart made a presentation on the item. *Due to technical difficulties with the recorder, Mr. Hart's presentation was unable to be transcribed.*

Commissioner Flunder stated that the lease was very poorly written lease. A number of things were required in the lease did not taken into consideration what should or shouldn't be done. She stated that this

Commission inherited a very poor lease when they came into the situation. Additionally she believed that the Commission came into the situation with two things: 1) the lessee were requesting an increase and 2) the boarders were asking that the increase not be approved because a number things were not addressed in the lease. Some of the things were due to previous discussions and some of those things were due to the inability to do some of the work because of different issues and some things to do with neglect. Thus, the Commission asked that the Board of Supervisors to grant them the where with all to make a definitive decision which the board granted. They also asked to amend the lease to straighten it out, moving in or out those things that needed to be in the lease (those things that were pertinent to safety or not pertinent to safety, pertinent to code or not pertinent to code, those things that were doable or not doable in an effort to create a lease). There was an enormous amount of work done and input from several City departments, the Recreation and Park Department staff, the Commission and the public. In addition she stated that Mayor Willie Brown stated in his State of the City address that he would like to see this facility function only for school horses and eventually move the boarders into a new facility which the Commission was to create. She believed that an amendment which would clean up those things which were not doable and not relevant and inconsistent with what can be done. Then as a Commission they needed to fix some of these leases. She stated that she had been to the stables and contended that in some places it was unfixable - especially around the grandstand.

Commissioner Friend made a motion and **Commissioner Chin** seconded it.

Commissioner Gilford stated that he felt those members of the public voicing their concerns today deserved more of an answer.

Commissioner Friend called for the question. **Commissioner Flunder** stated that in terms of the issue of the public being heard and in the issues being taken into consideration in the writing of the amendment, the effort had been made and that the Commission could not back up.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following vote was taken on this item:

Ayes: Friend, Flunder and Chin

Noes: Gilford

6. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES

INCREASE IN FEES

Discussion and possible action to approve an increase in fees for boarding and boarder services at the Golden Gate Park Stables, as per Exhibit A (Recommended Department Rate), to become effective on December 1, 1997.

Patrice Bozich spoke in opposition to the fee increase. She stated that there had been an increase of 68% - 18% when management first took over. Last year they fought an increase to \$400 and now the Department was looking at \$500. She stated that a 68% was unreal and that not everyone could afford it. She couldn't understand why the Department would give management a two year rent free period and now that management does have to pay rent it is only 3%. She indicated that management claimed that the fee increase was an increase in hay prices and was to pay staff, but most of the work was done by teens in exchange for lessons. She wanted to see a change.

Betty Silverman stated that she wanted peace and quiet and wanted people to have the fun she did at the stables and riding in the park and participating in shows. She felt that the large increase was obscene. She mentioned that a 10% increase would be reasonable.

Bertille Legrano stated that if this item is pass, the Commissioners will be rewarding those who have violated the lease.

Judy Martin stated that the stalls were so small (10ft x 10ft) that it was uncomfortable for her horse. She stated that she was reluctant to move her horse because of her disability, but the fee increase might force her to. She showed photos of other facilities and mentioned that they offer more for her money. She asked that the Commissioners be equitable and consider what other facilities offer and grant a much lower increase than the 48% the concessionaires requested.

Jeff Morris reminded everyone that the intent of the increase was to help keep public programs below market price. As for the boarder stalls, he stated that the rate was to be at market price. He went on to explain how supply and demand applied to this situation. He indicated that there was a waiting list and so, he believed that people from this list would be willing to pay \$475. Then, he stated that he needed the Commissioners to approve the increase for without it management would not be able to continue the improvements.

Margaret Morrison stated she was insulted with Jeff Morris' comments about the waiting list. Years ago, she asked that the Commissioners request the waiting list and the current management stated that such a list did not exist. She then asked for fairness on this item. She stated that she received the notice of the fee increase five days before the finance committee meeting, so she was unable to get much support from others. She said that she had requested an audit at the Finance Committee meeting. She stated that management asked for \$400 while the staff recommended \$500. She stated that she believed it was the Commission's responsibility to examine the figures and believed that staff never questions management's figure. Lastly, she mentioned that she is a school teacher and she does a unit on the horses during Kentucky Derby time, with a horse at the stables, she was able to do that, and this is serving the public.

Doug Morrison stated that when the rate was increased to \$400, he was not opposed. He said that he received notice five days before the finance committee meeting of an increase to \$475. He stated that the finance committee with little debate approved that an increase of \$475 - without review of any figures or dollar amounts. He stated that management claimed that they would be spending \$700,000 on renovations and claimed to have spent \$178,000 on capital improvements. He stated that these figures management was claiming to make didn't add up. As a boarder, he felt that he has the right to find out more. He stated that he questioned the relationship between staff and management. He felt that his civil rights were being stepped on and he felt that he is being forced out of his stall illegally.

Commissioner Gilford requested a three minute recess.

Before recessing, **Commissioner Flunder** clarified that an enormous amount of discussion covering a large spectrum of issues occurred had taken place at the Finance Committee to arrive at these amounts.

John Bozich felt that he was not getting the value for his dollars. He brought samples of the hay fed to the horses at the stables. He stated that the hay was not edible and contained very little oats or straw. To compare, he also showed what had to supplement this hay with in order to feed his horse. He stated that he had complained to management, but they had not done anything. Last, he mentioned that the facilities which the Department compared to Golden Gate Park Stables were not comparable except for the size of the city being compared.

Nicki Taylor an instructor whom also lives at the stables, stated that the boarders have no experience of running a barn nor have they boarded at other facilities. She also stated that Golden Gate Park Stables was a successful business and management had done a great job.

The Commission recessed for five minutes.

Shay Morris an operator and one of the owners of Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc. indicated that they had shown Joel Robinson the expense reports for the \$173,000 spent on improvements. She mentioned that as a private operation, they were not obligated to show the books to the public. Also, she felt that the boarders were invading their privacy by researching her recent estate changes. She stated that boarders

who had requested public agencies to investigate any violations were disturbing the operations and she was annoyed by the boarders telling her how to run the stables. She also stated that there was a \$25,000 revenue loss due to the delay in the fee increase. Last, she mentioned that the public program was important to their business. They started eight years ago with less than 100 students, now they have over 800 students. They received two awards from the Mayor for their work with intercity children.

Polly Dignan general manager and one of the owners indicated that the animal care/veterinary unit stated that the hay fed to all the horses was great. Also she mentioned that the horses were healthy and supplements were not required. She stated that management has turned the stables around into a thriving business. She indicated that the owners were trying to bring the stables up to standards. However, this could not be done without the support of the Commissioners.

Peter Desmond stated that he left the stables four months ago - disillusioned by the relationship between staff and management. He spoke about a comparable facility, Shamrock, where they have better service, restrooms, three rings, drinking fountains, and telephones. Rent for the stall was \$290. He requested that they look at comparables not market prices. In the last meeting, he suggested that a neutral party such as Commissioner Gilford look at the canceled checks - the whole \$180,000 clearly revealed. He felt that if Jeff Morris is unable to come up with these checks, the increase should be denied.

Susan Lombardi stated that she felt the facts and figures presented to the Commission in regard to the lease amendment and the fee increase at the stables had fallen on deaf ears. She felt that the management was enhancing the distortion of the true number of boarders occupying two stalls. She stated she has not occupied two stalls since 1995. She suggested that the District Attorney take a look at this issue. Also, prepaid lessons for a 12 year old boy were stopped because the money disappeared from the computer. She then had to pay the day of the lesson which was difficult since they could not always be there they day of the lesson. In addition, the young boy was told by management not to come to the stables. She stated that between November 1995 and May 1996, she was led to believe that she could obtain another stall, which she paid a holding fee of \$1,457. When she was about to bring in the second horse she was told she could not. Lastly, Golden Gate Stables, Inc. had two shows in which they did not pay the \$400 rental fee, the \$500 performance bond or the insurance certificate. Finally, the few remaining boarders are hard working individuals who are not rich, but with the increase, the Commission would be tailoring the facility only for the rich. She mentioned that she had horses at other facilities and for \$325, she is getting a lot more. She agreed with Betty Silverman that a 10% increase would be reasonable.

Commissioner Chin asked if the rate increase was based strictly on the market analysis of the comparables? **Commissioner Flunder** stated that it had been 3 ½ years since the last increase and 11 months since this increase was requested. In addition, the increase was necessary for certain improvements that were needed to take place. It was not strictly based on what was available. It was compared to intercity stables. **Commissioner Chin** asked about phasing in the fee increase. **Joel Robinson**, stated that they had at finance committee discussed this, but instead decided that they would go with the increase at a reduced amount.

There was conversation with Doug Morrison and Commissioner Flunder.

Commissioner Gilford made a motion to rescind his vote from the previous item and vote in favor of the amendment so that they could move ahead on working toward a solution. Commissioner Friend seconded that motion. The motion carried.

The Commission then adopted the following resolution:

RES. NO. 9710-142

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the Second Amendment to the Lease between the Recreation and Park Department and Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc.

This item was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chin stated that this was the most difficult issue since he had been on the Commission. He agreed with Commissioner Flunder that the lease was a mess from the start. He stated that the comparables were so unique - New York, the bay area - and questioned how one would put a dollar amount on this.

On motion of Commissioner Gilford and seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9710-143**

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the increase in fees for boarding and boarder services at the Golden Gate Park Stables, as per Exhibit A to become effective on December 1, 1997.

This item was passed unanimously.

7. **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POOL - BAYVIEW PARK
APPROVAL OF GENERAL SITE LAYOUT, CONCEPTUAL FLOOR PLAN AND
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF A NEW SWIMMING POOL FACILITY**
Discussion and possible action to approve the general site layout, conceptual floor plan, and preliminary program of a new swimming pool facility at Bayview Park.

Carol Tatum presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the original pool was constructed in 1968, the pool has presented an ongoing problem. It was constructed as an outdoor pool and was not a public facility - in fact it was poorly constructed. A decision was made that it would be more cost effective to build a new pool. There were numerous community meetings. She stated that the pool is to be a 25 meter, eight lane competition pool unlike any other pool in the City. There will also be a wading pool for children, a community room and a locker rooms - all that will meet code. She stated that the existing softball field would remain. Commissioner Friend asked how the pool would be funded. She stated that the funding of \$8 million will come from Open Space and other sources that the Department was currently looking at.

Harry Overstreet, the architect from Gerson / Overstreet Architects elaborated on Carol Tatum's presentation and went over the site layout in detail.

On motion of Commissioner Gilford and seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9710-144**

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the general site layout, conceptual floor plan, and preliminary program of a new swimming pool facility at Bayview Park.

This item was passed unanimously.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STADIUM - PROPOSED FENCING PLAN
APPROVAL OF PERIMETER FENCE**
Discussion and possible action to approve the perimeter fence around the Golden Gate Park stadium field.

Andy Solow stated that at the Parks and Planning Committee meeting, he requested a map, so he could do his own analysis for an alternative route around the fields, but was not given enough information from the staff. He went on to question whether the Commissioners wanted 24 hour access for the paved track, if so, then the fence needs to be next to the grass. He stated that if the fence is next to the grass, it should be done to be able to accommodate big events - the fence should be removable. All the fence poles in front of

the bleachers also should be removable. He suggested not leaving the facility access without supervision especially at the dark tunnels.

Laurel Condo stated that she supports the fence around the stadium field, so bike access will be available in the background area.

David Miles head of the state patrol who is involved with the "Skating in Violence" event was not in favor of the fence by the grass because the gate will be locked. Also he reminded us that in line skating will be a trend. He suggested repaving the surface before putting up the fence which would be more cost effective.

Joel Robinson stated that the fence is currently rented. Also, he mentioned that the fence needs to be done but currently, the department does not have the money for the tracks.

Adam Gubser with the Department of Parking and Traffic spoke in support of the fence because it maintained bike access between the north and the south part of town.

Commissioner Chin asked whether the \$44,000 budget included Andy Solow's suggestions.

Joel Robinson answered that Andy Solow had good suggestions, and the Department does have money to accommodate large events.

On motion of Commissioner Chin seconded by Commissioner Gilford the following resolution was adopted: **RES. NO. 9710-145**

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the perimeter fence around the Golden Gate Park stadium field.

This item was passed unanimously.

9. **HARDING AND LINCOLN GOLF COURSE LEASES**
ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES

Discussion and possible action to approve the Consent to Assignment of the Harding/Fleming and Lincoln Park Golf Course Leases from CCA/Silband GolfCorp. to Arnold Palmer Gold Management, L.L.C.

Joel Robinson stated that this item was a reassignment of the existing lease by the current lessee to another lessee under the same terms and conditions which would expire in May 1998.

Jaci Fong then presented this item. She started by giving a background on the club houses and guest services at Lincoln Park and Harding / Fleming Golf Courses. She stated that the Department was approached by CCA/Silband GolfCorp with a proposal to assign the Leases to one of two companies. She mentioned that the Department expressed a preference that the two interested parties each assume one lease. But, through discussion the department came up with Arnold Palmer Corporation to be assigned for both leases. The Palmer group has committed to making immediate improvements.

Commissioner Gilford wanted a more extensive background check. Also, he wanted to see how San Francisco will benefit from this change of operation.

Joel Robinson stated that the concessionaire was not picked by the Department, but was approved by the staff. He also stated that the Department wanted the reassignment to begin the following day.

Commissioner Chin and Commissioner Flunder stressed that any short term assignment would have no influence on the bidding process and the selection of a long term operator. As a result, if the Commission was not satisfied, it was easily changeable.

On motion of Commissioner Friend seconded by Commissioner Gilford the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9710-146

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the Consent to Assignment of the Harding/Fleming and Lincoln Park Golf Course Leases from CCA/Silband Golf Corp. to Arnold Palmer Gold Management, L.L.C.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this meeting.

Ernestine Weiss stressed her frustrations due to skate boarders on block 202-203 which was the proposed deYoung sight. She suggested putting gravel on top of the ground. She also recommended using Steuart Street at the foot of Market Street for people to play because it is safer and few tenants lived there. Last, she wanted the Commissioners to keep a closer eye on the parks, so that people could continue enjoying them in the future.

Philip Carleton represented Susan Barthell on issues of the zoo bond lease agreement. He mentioned that he had been contacting the Board of Supervisors as well as Department staff to get some valid work done in the Bison area. However, nothing had been done. He stated that he would have a work group coming in that weekend and believed the group wouldn't be able to start. He suggested that the Department look at the overall efficiency of the workers.

Ron de Leon suggested alternatives, which would enable Philip Carleton's crew to work that weekend.

Andy Solow stated that the goal boxes were mislocated at Lewis Sutter. He was told by the suppliers that the estimated cost was approximately \$4,000 to \$6,000. Also, there was a drainage problem that needs to be looked at.

Ralph Tibbs wanted the Commissioners to allow him to put on calendar a proposal to build and operate a gun range at Sharp Park. He mentioned that he had the management and resources to make the operation profitable.

Commissioner Flunder stated that they could not vote because there was not a quorum with just three Commissioners and so, she suggested that he put his request in writing.

Joel Robinson stated that this Commission had determined that the area Ralph Tibbs spoke about is to be made into a driving range and also he stated that it would be part of the golf lease agreement for May 1998.

Larry Murray, an attorney working with Ralph Tibbs, mentioned that since nothing would be going on from now to May 1998, he would like to present issues that they had extensively prepared for the Commission.

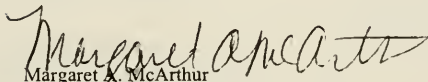
Commissioner Flunder stated that Larry Murray could distribute his letters to the Commissioners for review and discussion.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Flunder adjourned the meeting in memory of Garnet Franklin Johnson who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 729th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

730th Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 1997 - 2:00 p.m.

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The 730th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 20, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Gordon Chin
William P. Getty
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

Rotea Gilford

2. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

THE GREAT SWEEP

More than 50 Recreation and Park staff and volunteers participated in the Great Sweep, a citywide effort to clean the City held on November 8, 1997. Clean-up was conducted at the Zoo and at 25 park sites throughout the City. A new Friends group will be formed at Crocker Amazon Park as a result of this event.

Recreation and Park staff worked closely with the Planning Committee of the Great Sweep that consisted of representatives from the Mayor's office, DPW, Sunset Scavenger, Golden Gate Disposal, SFUSD, SFHA and numerous other agencies to ensure success of the event.

STRYBING ARBORETUM

The Strybing Arboretum Society held its annual holiday volunteer appreciation luncheon on Thursday, November 13, 1997 at the County Fair Building. Recognition was given to volunteers who had from 40-50 years of service. The Department applauds the valuable work that volunteers contribute to the Arboretum.

PET DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Friday, November 2, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. is the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at Mountain Lake

Park for San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's first pet drinking fountain. The fountain is handicap accessible and provides a fountain "bubbler" for owners and pets. Mountain Lake Park has a dog run at one end of the park. We expect a lot of dogs and their owners to provide great photo opportunities.

The fountain has generously donated by Friend of Recreation and Parks. San Francisco SPCA President Richard Avanzino will be on hand with his own dogs to christen the new fountain.

STANYAN MEADOW

The Recreation and Park Department will be conducting maintenance and construction operations within Stanyan Meadows with the Reforestation Program and the Golden Gate Park Rehabilitation Program.

The reforestation program will prune and/or remove selected trees due to ages or disease for the safety of the general public. After pruning and removal of the selected trees, new tree planting will take place.

The rehabilitation program within Golden Gate Park at Stanyan Meadows will provide new irrigation, site lighting, landscaping improvements, and paved walkways. This work is part of the 1992 Golden Gate Rehabilitation Bond. This work was planned and designed beginning September 1996 for installation starting mid Winter 1997.

The area is bounded by Stanyan Meadows between John F. Kennedy Drive on the north, Kezar Drive on the west, Waller Road on the south and Stanyan Street on the east.

The perimeter fence will surround both the reforestation program and the rehabilitation program during the operations. The perimeter fence will last about 11 months.

ZOO BOO

Over 900 children and adults from the Recreation and Parks' After School Programs were guests at "Boo at the Zoo" on Halloween. Activities included a haunted trail, trick or treat stations and free carousel rides.

PHASE 11 PLANNING

The Phase 11 planning provided a two-day peer review of the strategic plan. It was held on November 3-4, 1997 as the first step in an intensive six-week overview assessment of the scope, programming, budget and schedules for the overall project. Zoo Directors Clayton Freiheit (Denver), Ron Forman (Audubon Park) and Doug Myers (San Diego) were the peer review committee. Zoo staff are now holding a series of workshops to complete the process.

Jim Cooney briefly presented the soccer field condition updates:

Delores: fair

Franklin: excellent

Kezar: good to excellent

Louis Sutter: currently renovating

Mathew Boxer: good condition

Oceanview: fair to poor

Polo Field: good to excellent

Youngblood Coleman: poor

Crocker Amazon: improved drastically compared to historical conditions

Beach Chalet: scheduled for renovations starting in December 1997

Commissioner Salinas asked **Joel Robinson** when any work would be done on Youngblood Coleman. He stated that he had been there with Jim Cooney and saw how bad the condition of the field was.

Joel Robinson answered that it would be hopefully within the month.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, November 21, 1997	Dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony; Mountain Lake Park; pet drinking fountain; 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 22, 1997	MCI Great American Net Test at Tenderloin Children's Playground; 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 5, 1997	Joint Zoo Meeting; 4:30 p.m. (tour); 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo
Thursday, December 6, 1997	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, December 9, 1997	Holiday Tree Lighting; McLaren Lodge; 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Friend announced that Item #5 on renaming Washington Square Park was taken off calendar. The Commission stated that there would be a public hearing at Saints Peter and Paul Church on December 3, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES. NO. 9711-147

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the October 16, 1997 Commission Meeting.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

RES. NO. 9711-148

RESOLVED, that this Commission does accept the following gifts valued at \$135,055 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From the World Monuments Watch, \$50,000 for the Conservatory of Flowers.
2. From Ikebana International, \$1,000 for Reforestation.
3. From Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, \$4,000 for Aquatic Programs.
4. From SF Police Credit Union, \$1,041 for City Wide Youth Activities.
5. From Northern California Tennis Association, \$3,014 for Youth Tennis Programs.
6. From Afterwork Tennis Club, \$1,000 for Youth Tennis Programs.

7. From Lucas Film Ltd., \$1,000 for SF Recreation and Park Department Internet Task Force Project.
8. From Friends of Recreation and Park, \$4,000 for the SWAP Program Weekend Trash Pickup Program in Golden Gate Park.
9. From MCI, \$70,000 for the Tenderloin Children's Playground and the Great Net Test Challenge.

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES.NO. 9711-149

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Purchased From:

Brevard Zoo
8225 North Wickham Road
Melbourne, FL 32940

One female Coscoroba Swan
Purchase \$200.00
USDA # 58-C-315

Erie Zoo
423 West 38th Street
Erie, PA 16508

Two female Black Swan
Purchase \$250.00
USDA # 23-C-002

Donated To:

The Alaska Zoo
4731 O'Malley Road
Anchorage, AL 99516

One male Musk Ox
Donation

D. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**

LORIKEET EXHIBIT APPROVAL

RES. NO. 9711-150

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the lorikeet design and preliminary cost estimate.

Susanne Barthell asked where the \$600,000 which was proposed as a budget for the exhibit would be coming from since the zoo's budget was once again downhill for this year.

Jim Lazarus indicated that the funding for the project would be the \$25 million portion. Therefore, the funding would come out of the San Francisco Zoological Society funds raised over the next year and hopefully the exhibit would open by Spring 1998.

E. **HERZ PLAYGROUND**

APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

RES. NO. 9711-151

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the award of contract to the San Francisco Conservation Corp. in the amount of \$114,100.00 for play area renovation.

F. **GILMAN PLAYGROUND**

APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND AWARD OF CONTRACT

RES.NO. 9711-152

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the conceptual improvement plan for Gilman Playground and the award of contract for same to the San Francisco Conservation Corp. in the amount of \$139,000.00

- G. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
APPROVAL OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT **RES.NO. 9711-153**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a Second Amendment to the Agreement between San Francisco Baseball Associates, L.P. (the San Francisco Giants) and the Recreation and Park Department to extend the term for the operation of the parking lot at 3Com Park at Candlestick Point to December 31, 1999.
- H. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR TICKET PRICE CHANGES **RES.NO. 9711-154**
RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the request for ticket price changes for the 1998 Baseball Season.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
APPROVAL OF PLACEMENT OF SCULPTURE
Discussion and possible action to approve the placement of a Tony Labat peace sculpture in the Panhandle, near Masonic Boulevard, and modify the draft policy to permit sculpture within the Panhandle.
- Deborah Learner stated that this item was dealing with the appropriateness of the placement of a Tony Labat peace sculpture in the Panhandle, near Masonic Boulevard and modifying draft policy which would permit a sculpture within the Panhandle.
- Debra Lehane, Civic Art Collection Manager of the Art Commission stated the Commission's commitment to the care and maintenance of the artwork in the City. She also stated Commission was committed to add contemporary art to City; there had not been a new art piece in Golden Gate Park since 1976. She stated that there were a lot of historical pieces but weren't any that reflected current times.
- Art Commission President, Stanlee Gatti indicated that there were three reasons why public sculptures exist: 1) to enable the artist to express himself / herself on a level that extends itself to others, 2) to inspire people by ways of communication and 3) public sculptures commemorate a time in history. He stated that the Tony Labat peace symbol met these three reasons and stated that this piece would be paid for from private donations as would the endowment to maintain this piece of art. Commissioner Gatti stated that San Francisco was the number one art city in the world. He based this on the fact that of 750,000 people who live in San Francisco and that there is the best in virtually every field except one - visual arts. He gave the example of the beautiful modern art museum quickly built within three years by private funding, and in the works a new Asian Art Museum. He also stated that San Franciscans were voting on the location of the deYoung Museum. He further explained that during the 1960's and 1970's, large public sculptures were being designed all over the world, but San Francisco fell short of obtaining large pieces of sculptures. He stated that this symbol was a part of San Francisco history which occurred during the Vietnam war when people wanted freedom and peace. The peace movement which began in the 1970's was commemorated all over the world. He and many others felt that San Francisco was the embryo of the peace movement, so the Golden Gate Panhandle area was carefully curated, for it does not interfere with views, play area or park settings. Commissioner Gatti stated that no where is America was there a monument erected solely to peace that came from the 1960's. He asked that the Commission allow the placement of the Tony Labat Peace Sculpture in the Panhandle. He stated that the sculpture is made out of steel and has a stainless steel around it, also the sculpture is designed for easy maintenance and treated so it is graffiti proof.
- Tony Labat the sculpture and an instructor at the San Francisco Art Institute, stated that his class attended this Commission meeting so they would be involved in the process. He stated that he felt strongly about the peace generation and the reminder of the symbol.

Rachel Ellis asked the Commission to adhere to the Master Plan of Golden Gate Park. Specifically, she read from the Master Plan objective 4, policy A “installation of new statues and monuments in the park should be discouraged as they detract from the park’s design intent and are generally not compatible with the natural park land. Exceptions to this policy may be considered within the music concourse area or items from the museum collection and for a sculpture garden adjacent to the Beach Chalet”. She reminded the Commission that the Master Plan was created over a long period of time and was done to anticipated the future.

Karen Crommie a resident of Haight-Ashbury spoke against this item. She stated that it was not the intention to have sculptures in Park. The peace symbol would not do justice to the concept. She would like to see Mr. Labat come up with an original design and have the sculpture put elsewhere.

Chester Helms stated that he believed Golden Gate Park was an art creation and therefore believed it was appropriate for the sculpture to be in the park. His one concern was with the scale of the sculpture. He felt that the Summer of Love was a very important period of San Francisco history. He stated that Haight-Ashbury was the number two tourist destination in San Francisco behind Alcatraz; therefore, he felt that the sculpture should be placed in the Panhandle.

Les Houskeeper stated that in the 1960’s art and music was changing the world. He stated his support for the placement of the sculpture. He agreed that not everyone will be pleased, but did agree with Chester Helms that it was very important to San Francisco history.

Aaron Shurin spoke against the peace symbol. He felt that Oak and Masonic was extremely fragile ecologically and therefore not appropriate. He stated that he felt that the Commissioners’ job was to pay close attention to the park and it’s particularities. It was not whether the Summer of Love deserve to be remembered or not. He recommended the symbol should be placed at City Hall. The intersection at Oak and Masonic was very busy and has one of the highest accident rates in the City.

Carolyna Marks mentioned that the symbol of peace was causing so much problems. She stated that fourteen years ago, she started building a World Wall for Peace all over the world. She along with thousands of followers were planning to build one here on Page Street. She believed that the city had courage to develop compassion, such as the AIDS quilt. She would like to see the sculpture be expanded to involve the community. She suggested making the peace symbol the center of a peace park by re-framing of the Panhandle as a peace park. She wanted to encourage all to have the power to embrace the symbol. She felt that this will encourage creativity and thus, reduce violence.

Carol Glanville questioned why the rush. She stated that there had been a hard fought battle to remove the concrete in this area and the purpose was to restore it to its natural environment. She also stated that the Art Commission had not established a statue program to ask for contributions for maintenance of the many sculptures in the park.

Commissioner Friend mentioned that the Master Plan had not been adopted because Recreation and Park was waiting on the environmental impact report.

Chris Cobb stated that the placement of the sculpture in the Panhandle was a unique opportunity to have art brought to the public and the sculpture is a symbol to the area. He mentioned that it represents a warm human gesture.

Paula Anglim mentioned that the sculpture was an important symbol of historical time. She wrote a statement indicating that the Tony Labat sculpture is an international icon with spirit of openness and understanding that blossomed in the 1960’s. This was an era of social change that affected the country as well as the world. Many people around the world perceived this change through San Francisco, more specifically Golden Gate Park. This work was an image for youth and music culture of San Francisco and a historical symbol that reminds people of the part San Francisco played in breaking social barriers.

Sean McKinney agreed with the other speakers that art is a great expression and a great opportunity we have. However, questioned the location. He felt that the Commission needed to decide on a vision for Golden Gate park. He stated that he was not against the sculpture in fact, he would love to see it at City Hall, but the Panhandle was a bad location. According to a book about John McLaren, he followed one principle which was to work with nature and never against her. In other words, the idea of Golden Gate Park was to have nature grow.. He understood that there would always be changes in eras and he agreed that it needed to be expressed. However, he stated that he would like to see the vision of Golden Gate Park preserved.

Karin Carlson who represented Supervisor Yaki read a letter into the record indicating a desire to postpone the vote on the peace sign placement.

Edward Howden wanted to know what is the rush. He felt that it is inconceivable that any city would proceed on a fast track on an issue such as this one. He stated that he only saw the article on the sculpture placement the previous morning. He mentioned that his objection was in the process.

Christine Hall stated her objection was in the lack of process. She also requested that this item be postponed. She stated she had no objection against the artist, but opposed the location. She indicated that she would not like to see any man-made decorations in the magnificent park.

Douglas Comstock stated his great respect for the artist, but felt the artwork did not belong in the park. He stated that it belonged downtown where other pieces of steel and glass are. Once again, he said, parks were for people to get away from these things. Besides, he stated that the scale of the sculpture was too large and it overpowered the small half block Panhandle. More importantly, he felt that the artwork did not represent the era because the artwork twenty-five years ago were highly detailed and flowery. He urged the Commissioners not to put the Tony Labat sculpture in the Panhandle.

Commissioner Chin stated that from the write up that the sculpture would be approximately 20 to 30feet high. He asked what factors were taken into consideration in making this decision and if the sculpture was designed specifically for this location.

Tony Labat answered that in terms of scale, there is room for compromise, but scale is very important. He felt that there was a need for this issue to be public from the beginning. He mentioned that the Panhandle is a very important sight for his sculpture because of its history.

Commissioner Flunder asked Commissioner Gatti to recap and respond to the public comments.

Commissioner Gatti started by stating that the Master Plan was developed for many reasons. He mentioned that Golden Gate Park, a man-made park, was created for San Franciscans to obtain some form of natural beauty. The park, he said, faces constant changes, so the vision comes from knowing things will change. He stated that things will change depending on the people residing at a particular time. Therefore, he mentioned that we need to be progressive and allow change especially if it comes in a positive form. The sculpture will enhance Golden Gate Park.

Commissioner Flunder questioned the timeline.

Commissioner Gatti indicated that there was not urgent, but there was a group that had raised money for this piece. The plan was to have the sculpture placed before the end of the year in time for the anniversary. Based on past experience, he felt that if it was held off any longer, they would lose the funding. Lastly, he felt that the issue had not been rushed. In fact, it had gone through the process as required by law. He felt that it is the responsibility of the public to speak before the committees and the commissions.

Commissioner Getty stated his concerns on the traffic hazards.

Commissioner Gatti stated that art work was placed so that it would not be a hazard. Deborah Lehane stated that they would need to check with other departments on safety issues.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder seconded by Commissioner Salinas, the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 9711-155

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the use of the space for the sculpture, modifies the draft policy to permit this on the condition that the Art Commission to hears from the public and appropriate agencies as to the appropriateness of this statue and that this item is brought back to the Recreation and Park Commission for its perusal.

This item was passed unanimously.

5. **WASHINGTON SQUARE
APPROVAL TO RE-NAME**

Discussion and possible action to approve the renaming of Washington Square to Joe Alioto Piazza.

This item was taken off calendar.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW**

Presentation of first quarter financial information.

Jacqueline Barsh stated that in the first quarter there was a \$4,000 profit for the first quarter and a operating loss of \$58,000. In terms of the operating revenues, she stated that there was approximately a \$21,000 shortfall in revenues. Also, she said that there was a one-time Board donations of approximately \$140,000. In regard to gate admissions, there was a 4% decrease whereas it was assumed to increase by 6%. As for retail operation there was a loss of \$204,000. On the expenditure side, the actual have exceeded the budget by approximately \$15,000. Lastly, on the estate bequest, \$50,000 of the funds used came from a one-time stock sale. So, in summary, the operating loss for the first quarter was \$58,000 although they had projected at \$4,000 surplus. She projected that if this continues for the last three quarters, there will be a \$270,000 short by the end of the year.

Wayne Reading, the finance director of the San Francisco Zoological Society stated that in the original plan of the partnership, a four year loss was anticipated before a break even point is anticipated in year 5; therefore, even they are below budget, he still felt optimistic. He stated that there was no fee increase projected. He went over the budget variances indicating that losses existed in operating profit, total revenues, membership dues, and reserves whereas areas that exceeded the budget consisted of the contributions, the board giving, and the children's zoo. He mentioned that the service manager put together a plan to branded food / beverages, BBQ sights, school group lunch programs, and to remodel the gift shop by improving display space. He stated that these along with the Lorikeet Exhibit to open in April 1998 and the restoration of the steam train will all generate additional revenues. In terms of expenses, they generated \$4,091,000 below budget mainly because of an unexpected expense of an Asian elephant who has TB from Los Angeles Zoo who agreed verbally to contribute to the expenses but the actual amount is unknown.

Commissioner Friend questioned whether the elephant has been examined before the purchase.

Wayne Reading answered that the elephant did go through test procedures, but the results were not completed before the animal was shipped. Wayne then indicated that the elephant had been kept away from the other elephants at the zoo. It appeared that the elephant was healing.

Susanne Barthell stated that the elephant's TB test screening was done on March 18 and knowing that the results took approximately two weeks, the elephant was shipped the next day. Therefore, someone was responsible for allowing the elephant to be shipped prior to the test results. She stated that this was the first time the Commission took responsibility to look at the budget before approving the lease. She questioned why the zoo's budget was out of balance for four years. She then passed out a comparison budget of other zoo's.

Douglas Comstock opposed the privatization of the zoo. He hoped that the Commission would continue to ask the tough questions that had asked and keep track of where the money was going.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon commented that the zoo did need many improvements, but it was definitely not in catastrophic state.

Commissioner Friend indicated that no action was required for this item.

Commissioner Flunder stated that in regard to the agreement, it would come to the Commission and they have the option to accept or reject it but not the option to have input - micromanage. In addition the Zoo Board has the ability to make certain decisions around the budget of which the Commission has no input because it is not a public process and does not involve the Commission. She stated her concern with the enormous amount of responsibility, yet no power. She recommended that they need either more power in areas dealing with budgets and money or the Commission needs to have less power, so they will not be responsible for decisions outside their perimeters. She asked to have an amendment that would encourage the Board of Supervisors to send this to another agency, hopefully the Controller's Office. She stated that she was not suggesting that the zoo had done a horrible job. Her concerns lied in not having any involvement in budget crafting, but they get blamed for it when things go wrong.

Commissioner Chin repeated **Commissioner Flunder's** recommendation to have the Controller's Office take over.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **AMENDMENT OF ZOO LEASE AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Discussion and possible action to approve a request to the Board of Supervisors to amend the Zoo Lease and Management Agreement to eliminate sections 15.9 and 15.10 relating to Commission approval of the Zoo Society's budget and acceptance of its annual audit.

Mariam Morley stated that in the first amendment to the zoo which deletes 15.9 of the agreement which states that the Commission should review the budget under the San Francisco Zoological Society each year and can give comments and suggestions and can disapprove it only if the revenues are going to be use for requirements inconsistent of the zoo agreement. In addition she went over the last four pages of City Ordinance 28.5 to include the nondiscrimination in benefits, to delete the South African section, to change the tropical hardwood to virgin redwood ban, to include a coalition against tobacco advertisement and to prohibit Burma (Myanmar) business. Lastly, she pointed out the technical issues that referred to the amended agreement.

Commissioner Chin asked **Mariam Morley** that when the agreement expires in November 30, does it have to be approve by the Board of Supervisors again.

Mariam Morley answered that the renewal of the agreement is automatic unless it is terminated in writing before November 30.

Commissioner Chin mentioned that the Commission is not suggesting termination, they are suggesting an amendment. Also, he stated that he felt reluctant to give up authority.

Commissioner Flunder clarified that the Commission is giving up only what appears to be authority. In other words, she meant the authority to accept or reject the budget, but only if it goes against the spirit of the agreement which is vague and ambiguous.

Commissioner Chin felt that the involvement with the zoo is not in sinet. He would like to see the Commission more involved with goal issues.

Commissioner Flunder felt that the Commission should only be involved in big policy issues such as the expansion of the bonds.

Susanne Barthell asked if the Commissioners received her letters commending them for taking responsibility in terms of fiscal oversight. She felt that they underestimated their authority. She indicated that the Commission was a public meeting. When the Commission questioned the zoo, the public would be able to be exposed to information as well as provide input.

Commissioner Flunder stated that they have no authority to hold the agreement.

Susanne Barthell asked who instructed the City Attorney to write this amendment to take out the fiscal oversight.

Commissioner Flunder answered the Commission and not the representatives from the zoo.

Susanne Barthell still insisted that the Commission had unrealized authority. For example, Commissioner Friend stated that this Commission was no longer a rubber stamp Commission, meaning that things would be examined more carefully and that was power.

Joan Girardot of the Coalition for San Francisco, urged the Commission not to delete sections 15.9 and 15.10. She stated that Boards and Commissions can not exercise their power of discretion and they must state in clear public interest when an action takes place. She questioned what public interest was being served by deleting these power of oversight. She stated that she thought the Commission should ask for more oversight not less because the public interest needed to be served. She felt that the Controller, in looking at the audits for the city, would not entail public input.

Margaret Brodtkin urged the Commission not to act quickly, to explore new ways to deal with all issues, and to increase the Commission's oversight. She stated she understood the dilemma that the Commission faced. However, it would cause a ripple effect on the City not only because of the history of the zoo, but more importantly, the message it sends to the whole city on the nature of public / private partnerships. It will set guidelines as to what goes into an agreement between these partnerships.

Douglas Comstock stated that the management promised the public that they will take the zoo out of the ongoing financial problems the first year and now we are into the fifth year. The public was also promised oversight and now it might be taken away. He wondered how the public would voice their concerns if that should happen. Consequently, he urged the Commissioners to take the public trust issue into consideration.

Philip Carleton stated that this issue was not mentioned at the joint zoo meeting earlier this month. He felt that it was ridiculous that as the zoo is currently running into a deficit, David Anderson got a \$30,000 bonus. Then they hired Jim Lazarus for \$100,000 to pass the bond issue. He asked that the Zoological Board meetings be open to the public. For example, the de Young museum's executive meetings are open and every action item has to hear public comment before put to vote. Also, the four board of trustee meetings are opened unlike the Zoological Society meetings. Then, he complained about the responsibilities to the old traditions such as the bison which started in 1891. He complimented the Commission for their critical thinking and not rubber stamping issues, and urged the Commissioners to increase the oversight.

Commissioner Chin asked Mariam Morley to clarify that the November 30, 1997 deadline was only for termination of the lease and that the actual expiration was in June. He stated that if the Commission did not include the amendment to the lease, there would be extra time to work with the zoological society. He was concerned that if the oversight is taken away, there would be lack of public input on the zoo.

Commissioner Flunder mentioned that the joint zoo meeting was a public meeting. She stated that people do not go to these meetings, they just come to the Finance and Administration meetings as well as the full Commission.

Commissioner Chin felt that the structure is flawed.

Commissioner Flunder stated that a number of comments were stated based on the structure. She said that the agreement was put together to save the zoo from going down the tubes. Through time, the Commissioners were given more power to save the zoo. At this time, they needed to determine the viability of the agreement. The problems appeared in the conception that the Commission has oversight and the way the agreement was written was that the Commission does not have power. For example, she stated that they found out about the \$30,000 bonus the same time the public did.

Commissioner Chin suggested taking the next 6 months to pursue what would be the appropriate measures of oversight by the Commission and any other entities.

Commissioner Flunder stated that they are being scrutinized for every move and faced undue pressure, yet they have no power.

Commissioner Chin agreed with Commission Flunder. He suggested exploring with the zoological society and the public to find a way to accommodate all. He moved that the Commission table the amendment and suggested that they fully explore the needs for clarity of their role as well as have in the amendment that the zoological meetings be public. There was no second.

Joel Robinson stated that after the November 30, 1997 deadline passed, any amendments would have to be in agreement and approved by the Zoological Society. He stated that the only option was to terminate.

Commission McArdle-Solomon stated there was too much redundancy. She felt that the Commission was hearing everything after it had been approved.

Commissioner Flunder agreed with **Commissioner McArdle-Solomon** and added that the public then held the Commission responsible for the actions taken.

Jim Lazarus indicated that the agreement, was written to the best interest of all parties. They had seen \$12,000,000 in private money come in the past 4-1/2 years and had seen the successful passage of the bond issue in June. The Zoological Society had undertaken a \$25,000,000 capital campaign. He stated that he felt very positive in terms of the turnaround of the zoo's finance because the attendance was up 25% in the last 3-1/2 years. He stated that it was their goal and commitment to be in balance by June 30. They were prepared to get together with the senior members of the board to discuss any mutually acceptable ideas that make it easier for both parties to oversee and manage the zoo.

Commissioner Flunder suggested to approve the amendment to the zoo lease that between now and the next finance meeting, they will discuss appropriate entities to be involved in the areas of control.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Salinas the following resolutions was adopted:

RES.NO. 9711-156

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve to amend sections 15.9 and 15.10 relating to the Commission approval of the Zoo Society's budget and acceptance of its annual audits.

Ayes: Friend, Flunder, McArdle-Solomon, Salinas

Noes: Chin

Abstain: Getty

**8. RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER
APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Discussion and possible action to approve the award of contract to Chiang CM Construction, Inc., LBE/MBE, in the amount of \$4,570,904.00

Deborah Learner presented some problems pertaining to this item which consisted of the advertisements, the work force diversity goals, the apprenticeship programs and the equal benefits ordinance. The Recreation and Park staff had asked the Human Rights Commission and the Department of Public Works to provide responses to these concerns. The Recreation and Park Commission by charter provision is required to utilize the services of Department of Public Works contracting office to prepare plan specification and putting them out through the city contracting procedures.

Harlan Kelly, a city engineer, received some concerns regarding the award of this contract, which had been investigated.

Veronica Ng provided the Commissioners with documentation indicating that Chiang CM Construction, Inc. did comply with all the rules and regulations. First of all, she mentioned that the advertisements were done correctly. Then she stated that the 12E Equal Benefits Ordinance which is required by all who do business with the city. Thirdly, she mentioned that the city encourages diversity in the workforce.

Commissioner Salinas questioned whether Chiang CM Construction had been abiding the rules, how long have they been in business, and did they have public contracts before.

Veronica Ng answered that she had provided all the necessary documents indicating that the contractor had abided by city rules, but the diversity issue would not be investigated until work started. She mentioned that in small jobs, it was difficult to bring in diversity. She stated that she did not know exactly how long Chiang CM Construction, Inc. had been in business, but they have done publicly funded projects before.

Larry Lee asked where the apprentice school was located and how long the training program. He also questioned if the Commission was the one to award the contract and where he could get documentation.

Commissioner Flunder answered that the determination around those issues were another department's duty. If this Commission had to do that with every contract, they will be doing other's job and it will take enormous time. She stated that this Commission are the awarding party based on faith and confidence. Lastly, documentation can be obtained from the Human Rights Commission.

Larry Lee stated that he had been in business for over ten years and felt that there was no diversity in the workforce. He stated that it is dominated by Asians.

Commissioner Friend stated that Human Rights and Department of Public Works make the determination on diversity and they would notify the Commission if it was unacceptable.

Larry Lee questioned that if there was a complaint, who looks into those things. Also, he asked whether subcontracting to the people involved in the general contract was acceptable.

Commission Flunder repeated that the Commission does not micro-manage, so he needed to speak with the Human Rights Commission or the Department of Public Works.

Robert Rosin, the attorney for Chiang CM Construction, Inc., stated that the Commission identify the issues correctly, but they relied too much on other departments to do the job which they have.

Rob Ho, the project of Chiang CM Construction, indicated that they have met all the MBE/WBE goals. They had also complied with all the requirements and they look forward to starting this job and hope that the Commission will approve this soon.

Bette Landis from the Open Space Advisory Committee wanted to see the project go forward. She stated that there is no gymnasium or exercise area in Richmond. She stated that this large community needs it. She opposed to Proposition 209 and she wants diversity.

Commissioner Salinas questioned about Larry Lee's question about subcontracting to related members.

Harlan Kelly answered that the subcontracting goes through the Human Rights Commission to see if they are certified.

Veronica Ng indicated that if a company was under the same corporation, not a separate entity, they can not subcontract because that would be illegal.

On motion of Commissioner Chin seconded by Commissioner Getty, the following resolution was adopted:

RES.NO. 9711-157

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the award of contract to Chiang CM Construction, Inc., LBE/MBE, in the amount of \$4,570,904.00 subject to the clarification of the State Labor Law.

This item was passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this meeting.

James Beck, the president of the Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council, which was originally formed to preserve Golden Gate Park. He spoke of the Eastern end of the park and wanted the Commissioners to be aware of some neighborhood concerns after hearing the Mayor's State of the City Address. First of all, people are concern about extra fencing in the eastern end of Golden Gate Park. Also, not being able to go to public parks if not accompanied by a child. Then, he stated project financing for diminishing the natural success in Alvord Lake. He thanked Joel Robinson for meeting with him and clarifying the plan. He stated that their will be more buildings in the eastern end of the park with the vision to increase family activities there and also only the children's play area will have the fencing around it. He suggested the Commissioners to take a comprehensive view of the east end of the park and to consider the private fee oriented programs to move them and to consider the work closure in the draft master plan between Stanyan and Kezar.

Commissioner Flunder told him to send his concerns to the Mayor's office and send copies to the Recreation and Park Commission.

Kimberly Andriotukos requested the Commission to listen to the voices of the homeless. She stated that we are to blame as well as the homeless because the organizations are not helping. She

mentioned that this is a city problem and not a national crises, we need to set a good example for our children and other countries by doing something.

Revery Barnes heard about the new addition to the park. She felt that before we move into it, there are many more important issues such as the fence which will prohibit the young people from going into their home. She suggested putting this item on our agenda as top priority.

Susanne Barthell wanted the Commission to clarify that they had approve the amendment with an amendment to that. She stated that the joint zoo committee had no power or authority either, so they can not be the only oversight that goes on at the zoo.

Commissioner Flunder stated that they approved the amendment as it is drawn with language which will define what the recommendations for oversight will be and this will come up in the December 4, 1997 finance and administration meeting.

Christine Hall, a Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council member emphasized how important public discussion is on the Alvord Lake, the children's playground and the skateboard area. She was upset to find out things such as the peace sculpture from the media. She urged the Commissioner to have more discussions and public hearings.

Joan Girardot reminded the Commissioners that 5 years ago, many fought against handing the zoo to the zoological society. At that point, the zoo lease was drawn up from a member of the zoo board. She would like to offer all public transcript on this issue, so the Commissioners can see what the problems were. She questioned what is the public interest that is being served by deleting the Commissioners' oversight.

Commissioner Flunder answered that it was not the best use of the Commission's time. She stated that they can spend their time on other more productive things instead of spinning their wheels on items that they have no power over.

Lisa Adler who does missionary outreach work at Golden Gate Park with the youths and with the adults. She requested that we all work together and find a solution to the homeless crisis. She urged the Commission to put off the fencing issue until a shelter could be provided for the homeless and to have public meetings with the residence, the business owner and the homeless on the proposed plans for the area. She stated that the fencing and sweeping will only force the homeless out to the sidewalks causing unpleasant situations.

Emeric Kalman questioned in regard to the Civic Center Plaza, why is the department spending \$84,000.00 on new playground which will be demolished.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon answered that it was approved as a cycle of the life of the playground which will not be demolished.

Joel Robinson assured **Emeric Kalman** that the playground will not be torn down.

Emeric Kalman suggested selling the zoo.

Philip D. Carleton stated that the de Young Museum gets 70% from the city where as the zoo gets only 20%-30% (approximately \$4,000,000.00). However, the zoo gets \$48,000,000.00 in bond money where as the de Young Museum gets none. Therefore, he urged the Commission to push to keep the zoo meetings open to the public and get everyone involved. Secondly, on the issue of Alvord Lake, homeless is not the only problem. He mentioned that there is also speeding and littering. He suggested looking for another space for skating facility because trees will be

chopped. Lastly, he is upset that the Recreation and Park Commission is not pushing for more public money like other departments.

Lenell McKenzie stated that she had completed surveys from kids hanging out on the block. She mentioned that most want job training and education. She presented a few of the surveys to the Commissioners.

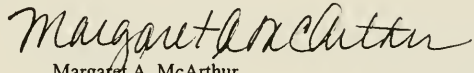
Commissioner Flunder asked that she provide copies of the survey to the Commission. Then, she stated that she would love to get together to discuss the matter further.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Flunder adjourned the meeting in honor of Commissioner Gilford's birthday.

There being no further business, the 730th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret A. McArthur".

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

731th Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 18, 1997 - 2:00 p.m.

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The 731th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 18, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. by President Eugene Friend.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eugene Friend, President
Yvette Flunder, Vice President
Gordon Chin
Rotea Gilford
Jim Salinas, Sr.

Absent:

William P. Getty
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon

2. GENERAL MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

William Walker with Youth Making a Change made a presentation to the Commission.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES.NO. 9712-158

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the minutes of the November 20, 1997 Commission Meeting.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

RES.NO. 9712-159

Acceptance of the following gifts valued at \$39,370.50 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Friends of Recreation and Parks, \$4,000.00 for reimbursement of the SWAP program.
2. From the Lucent Technologies, a phone system valued at \$16,870.50 for the Randall Museum. This was solicited through Randall Museum Friends.

3. From Digital Engraving, a donation of printing of stationery and business cards valued at \$10,000 for the Randall Museum. This was solicited through Randall Museum Friends.
4. From the San Francisco Senator's, a 15 passenger van valued at \$8,500.00.

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES.NO. 9712-160

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.

Sale To

Oceanario Lisboa
Doca dos Olivies
Apartado 830 8
P 1804 Lisbon, Portugal

6 male 9 female Magellanic Penguin
\$21,000 for the group

D. **VISITACION VALLEY PLAYGROUND**

APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

RES. NO. 9712-161

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the conceptual plan for site improvement, the clubhouse demolition and the conceptual plan for the play area.

E. **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

APPROVAL FOR VEHICLE PURCHASE

RES. NO. 9712-162

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the request for a supplemental appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$38,000 to purchase two (2) vehicles for the Natural Areas Program (Open Space capital project funds).

F. **DOLORES PARK**

APPROVAL OF LEASE

RES. NO. 9712-163

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve a lease with the Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA) for a Café at Dolores Park.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.**
5. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE PURSUANT TO SUNSHINE ORDINANCE SECTION 67.11 (a) WHETHER TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION.**

On motion of Commissioner Flunder and seconded by Commissioner Chin the Commission voted to adjourn into closed session.

6. **CLOSED SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT SECTION 54956.9 (c) AND SUNSHINE ORDINANCE SECTION 67.11**

The Commission convened in closed session at 2:40 p.m.

7. **OPEN SESSION**

The Commission returned to open session.

8. **Discussion and vote pursuant to Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.14 on whether to disclose discussions held in closed session.**

On motion of Commissioner Flunder and seconded by Commissioner Salinas, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that this Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the public not to disclose its closed session deliberations regarding pending litigation.

This item was passed unanimously.

9. **WASHINGTON SQUARE**
DISCUSSION OF RENAMING

Discussion of the renaming of Washington Square to Joe Alioto Piazza.

Commissioner Flunder made a brief presentation to the Commission in regard to Washington Square. She stated that a public meeting had been held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church to get public input on the renaming of Washington Square to Mayor Joe Alioto Piazza. The crowd was split evenly as to whether it should be renamed. The Commission left with several counter proposals on how to honor Mayor Alioto. No action was taken. She stated that the information gathered would be used as part of an continued conversation. There were no decisions made to make any changes to the name of Washington Square. Some ideas were the Joe Alioto Airport and the Joe Alioto walkway at the Marina.

Bob Tibbits asked if the Commission was going to honor the standing policy and Commissioner Flunder replied that no decision has been made to step outside of that policy. She also stated that neither she nor Commissioner McArdle-Solomon had any recommendations to amend the policy for this particular situation at present. She felt there needed to be more discussion about alternatives before a recommendation was made.

Michael Levin stated that he was not able to attend the public meeting. He felt that the Commission should stay with the policy of not renaming any park until the person was deceased.

Nan Roth asked that the Commission better define the policy. She also suggested that there be an annual list.

10. **PIAZZA JOE L. ALIOTO**
APPROVAL OF CONCEPT

Discussion and possible action to approve the concept for the Piazza Joe L. Alioto to be located in the area bounded by Columbus, Union and Powell Streets and to authorize staff to take all steps necessary to implement the concept consistent with all Recreation and Park Department policies and subject to final Commission approval.

This item was removed from calendar.

11. **SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATION CORPS**
APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Discussion and possible action to approve the allocation of funds for exotic plant and debris removal in Significant Natural Resource Areas (SNRA).

Lisa Wayne made the presentation of this item. She stated that this was for a five-year personal services contract not to exceed \$400,000.00. The purpose of this services agreement would be to eradicate weeds in some of the most infested Significant Natural Resource Areas in San Francisco. Work would be done by both adult crew members and Youth in Action. She stated that she and Mike Morlin had met with the union and a compromise had been reached - it was agreed that the parks would be staffed by gardeners while the Conservation Corps was doing work in a particular park and it was also agreed that the Conservation Corps would be allowed to review and provide input on the work plans. Commission

Flunder stated that during the Finance Committee the gardener's union had concerns. In reading the letter she stated that the union wanted to review the work done not just the work planned. **Mike Morlin** stated that the union does not want to have a vacancy in any of the parks where the conservation corps is working and before the contract is renewed for the next year, the union wanted to review what had been accomplished, how the Conservation Corps was used and what would be done the following year before it would give a stamp of approval. **Commissioner Flunder** stated that if the Commission agrees to make the letter from the union as a condition of the approval then essentially then the Department could not move ahead another year until the union has said that the work done was adequate.

On motion of **Commissioner Chin** and seconded by **Commissioner Gilford** the following resolution was approved:

RES. NO. 9712-164

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the allocation of funds for exotic plant and debris removal in Significant Natural Resource Areas.

This item was passed unanimously.

12. **COIT TOWER**

APPROVAL OF COIT TOWER CONCESSION LEASE EXTENSION

Discussion and possible action to approve the request by **Fred Lo, dba Fashion House Inc.**, for a five year extension of the Coit Tower Concession Lease.

Tim Lillyquist presented this item to the Commission. He explained that the lease held be **Fred Lo, dba Fashion House Inc.** for the Coit Tower Concession Lease was due to expire in January of 1998. This lease contains a provision for a five year extension subject to the approval of the Lessor. The terms of the agreement would be that the guaranteed annual minimum of \$80,226.00, excluding admission receipts, vs. the total of the following, whichever is greater:

90% of gross admission receipts

20.26% of gross gift shop receipts

15.26% of gross food stand receipts

50% of gross receipts from the viewing machine concession

40% of gross receipts from special events, and

10% of gross receipts from tour guide concession.

He stated that the lessee has paid in excess of the \$80,000.00 in both FY 95-96 and FY 96-97.

On motion of **Commissioner Friend** and seconded by **Commissioner Chin** the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9712-165

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the request by **Fred Lo, dba Fashion House Inc.** for a five year extension of the Coit Tower Concession Lease.

This item was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flunder asked to return to Item # 11. She requested that staff incorporate the two contingencies in the letter from Local 261 into the Conservation Corps contract. **Mike Morlin** stated that staff would do so.

13. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR, SAN FRANCISCO MARINA**

Discussion of the Rules and Regulations of the San Francisco Marina regarding the transfer of a berth upon the sale of a boat and subletting of berths.

Mike Morlin presented this item to the Commission. He stated that at the Finance Committee he presented proposed amendments to the Small Craft Harbor Rules and Regulations. One proposed change was to address the transfer of berth with the sale of the boat. When a berth holder would sale the boat the new owner would get the berth. The Department felt that there could be an unfair advantage to the buyer of the boat by not ever being on a waiting list. So instead those people on the waiting list would have the first option. The second issue was the subleasing of berths by tenants. In the latest dock check in November there were 151 discrepancies. Both matters were tabled at the Finance Committee. Commissioner Flunder stated that she believed that the Finance Committee had requested, through Commissioner Friend's request, that an advisory committee be formed, meet and come back to the Commission with a recommendation.

Mike Morlin stated that the advisory committee was in the process of being formed and that the first meeting would be Wednesday, January 7, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. at McLaren Lodge. Commissioner Friend asked that suggestions for rules about the subleasing and the transferring of berths be discussed.

Chuck Stern stated that he was grateful to be on this committee.

Al Cavey declined to speak.

Commissioner Friend stated that one of his concerns was the covering up of numbers and requested that issue also be addressed.

Emeric Kalman requested to be part of the advisory committee. He was appointed.

14. **ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN FOR 1998-99**

Presentation and discussion of The Annual Children's Service Plan for fiscal year 1998-99 from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families.

Jeff Mori made the presentation to the Commission. He stated that the Commissioners had received a copy of the plan prior to the meeting. The plan reflected the Mayor's continuing commitment to children in San Francisco and the combined coordinated efforts of the Mayor's office and City Departments and the people of San Francisco. The major highlights were the finding of several major problems in the City which have an impact on the lives of children. These were: 1) the great demand for quality child care, early childhood development for low income families, 2) a need for a greater and healthier youth employment/training opportunities, 3) the need for culturally appropriate services and support for needy families and for families to know where these services are and 4) there is a growing violence crisis of youth within families in San Francisco. The four major policy goals which were set forth last year will be continued this year. These goals are: 1) to provide positive alternatives and safe environments for children and youth, 2) provide more opportunities for youth employment/training, 3) strengthen families through resources and opportunities and 4) improve access to high quality child care and early childhood services. Jeff Mori stated that their office will be working with the sites that are multi-service and child care facilities.

Commissioner Friend stated that the Department would give Mr. Mori's office all the assistance it needed to achieve these goals.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda for this meeting.

Robin Smith spoke against taking the Open Space Funding money from Sharon Art Studio.

Caroline Rabinowitz spoke against taking the Open Space Funding money from Sharon Art Studio.

Emerie Kalman spoke regarding the ADA at the west end of the Marina Green. He believed that Federal money was wasted putting the disability access where it was placed.

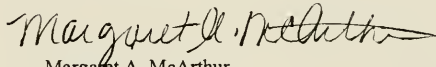
Philip Carlton asked if there was a possibility to go to the Mayor to use some of the \$80 million to restore the Department's budget. He stated that he had talked to staff several times about the polo fields in regard to dirt at the top of the track which is washing down the steps which were cleaned. Between 29th and 30th Avenues there is a lot of sand working its way onto the roadway.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**
Joel Robinson requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Derek Crenshaw, a recreation director at the Tenderloin Center who died saving his son.

Commissioner Flunder adjourned the meeting in memory of Derek Crenshaw.

There being no further business, the 731st Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret A. McArthur", written in dark ink.

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Secretary

